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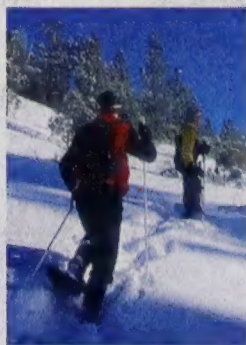
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Wilberforce

– at the arena: Sundays from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Don't forget that you can rent the ice if you and your family or buddies want it all for yourself. Contact each arena for availability and costs (which is anywhere from \$85 to \$90 depending on the arena).

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on County Rd 1. The one-hour ride goes over farm fields and the old railway line and through quiet, secluded woods. Murray's available during the day, or evenings (when the moon's out) and can even arrange a sleigh ride at a location of your choice.

For rides at Murray's farm the cost is just \$100 an hour for the sleigh, whether it's just for a romantic couple, or for a festive group. You can reach Murray at 705 457-2149 and he'll be available for most of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Jeff and Christina Black

Up to 12 adults can enjoy a sleigh ride with Jeff and Christina Black of Scoth Line Rd. Minden.

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Christmas Blessings



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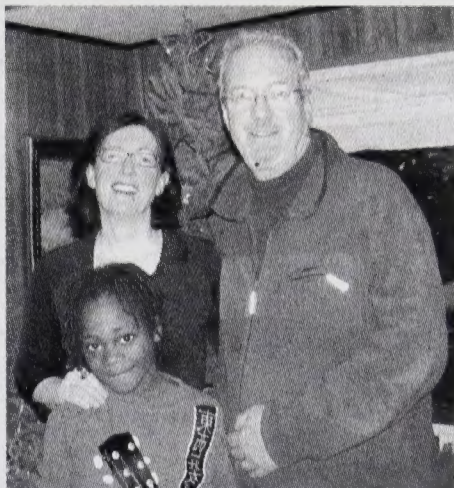
Oh Birthday Boys & Girl! – Like If The Holiday's Wasn't Enough....

By Stephen Patrick

There you are, just a day or two before Christmas, and worried to death about what to get Cousin Bert for Christmas, not to mention Uncle Ephraim, or Aunt Desiree. Or your spouse. Or your son.

Well, to make you feel better, let me tell you my tale of woe. For reasons that will always be a mystery, our families just love the month of March. The proof? Our son Joseph arrived kicking and screaming on December 22nd, I stumbled in, tired and emotional, on the 23rd, my spouse Holly landed elegantly on the 27th, and my brother Julian started to run the world on the 28th. And Guess Who has some kind of celebration on the 25th. Do you know what that means for us birthday boys and girls? It means right now that Joseph is the only one to get a lot of attention. Turning seven years old, I suppose, is something special. For years now I've virtually written off my "special day", except for the dread decades passings. This year a dear cousin is having a party on the 22nd, and has said he'll get me a cake, if he remembers. Hurray. Holly has to bravely remind us all that the 27th isn't just another day. Julian has the difficult task of reviving the semi-conscious who've made it to the 28th that there's still one to go. And this is fun?

I suppose it could be worse. If you see the week as one continu-



Stephen, Joseph & Holly

ous celebration, with a day off here and there, it has a certain kind of mad appeal. And New Year's? And Kwanzaa? A quiet time will be had by all. Maybe. We have a lot of party stamina in this family: we have no choice.

Cheers.

Editor's Note: In a smaller scale I understand – Brett celebrates his B-Day on December 19. So as we wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas – let us also wish all born in December (especially around the holidays) a Very Happy Birthday!!

Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.



Let The Holiday Spirit Ring!

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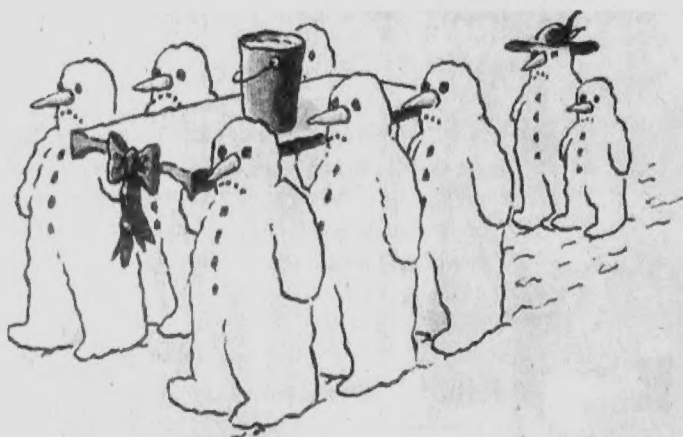
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What to Give an Optimist & Pessimist

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom & gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on the twins' birthday their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken."

answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

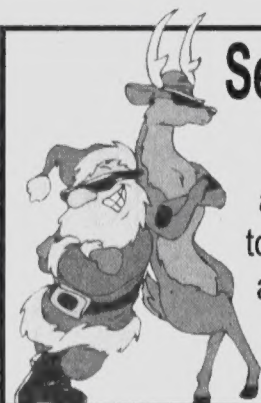
To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

Your Source of Christmas Information

As the Christmas Season approaches, consider the Haliburton County Public Library as your source of information for ideas regarding entertaining, decorating and gift making. There are also traditional Christmas stories and self-help books to help you deal with the stress you may feel at this time of year.

Visit your branch this week and don't forget to pick up a book to read just for the pleasure of it. This is one place that won't cost you money this season!

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."



Season's Greetings!

Best wishes for a happy and joyous holiday season to all our friends, neighbours and customers. Here's to a great new year too!



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Teddy Time

Any Time is a Good Time To Visit Teddy Time – Especially If You Want To Feel Like A Kid Again!!

If you're not feeling that special Christmas feeling yet, you owe it to yourself to head to Teddy Time in Haliburton – Once you walk through the doors, you will instantly feel the rush of holiday spirit and the feeling of being a kid once again. You will also surely find that perfect gift for anyone on your list.



Carol and her son Bob

Teddy Time is Haliburton's utterly unique, amazing, and awe-inspiring home to literally thousands upon thousands of teddy bears and their special friends, the bunnies and rabbits, dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, farm animals and jungle pets. Not to mention baby dolls and figurines of every description with names like God's Little Angels, Faeriessence, Beary Blossoms, Boyds Bearstones, lil Wings and Prayers and Promises. And don't forget the Little Kitchen Fairies, the Wildflower Angels, Cherished Teddies, Heartwood Creek and Vintage Virtues.

"This store is for people who love, with an open heart", says Teddy Time's irrepressible owner Carol Dewey. "If you want things around you to love, you've come to the right place. If you want to give some love to that special someone of whatever age who has love in their heart, then this is your store."

Carol first opened Teddy Time in a shop in the lower level of Stedman's plaza over 8 years ago. It began with one small room with about 50 Teddy Bears. She later relocated to her and her extended bear family's new location in the Not Quite Main Street building she shares with husband Bill (WRD Cottage Rentals) and son Bob on Highland Street overlooking Head Lake. What

Visit The Store at "Not Quite Main St."



started as an interest "has become a passion," says Carol. And what a passion it is. Teddy Time is a prime retailer of collectables, special tiny, medium and large size dolls, stuffed animals, figures, and so much more.

Carol has had a love for teddy bears since she was a child in Montreal, as she puts it, our "bear affair began many years ago when I fell in love with a bear called Punkinhead who was in the Santa Claus parade. He was as important to me as

Santa Claus was, and I still miss him." Punkinhead, for those who can remember, was an Eaton's creation – a bear that taught valuable lessons on life to children of all ages. He is also a "rare bear" and worth a bundle to collectors, if you can find one. (Start looking in the attic!!)

When deciding what kind of store to open, the decision was easy when her husband reminded Carol of her love for these fuzzy little critters, not to mention her love of kids of all ages, and Carol's passion is shared by all kinds of people, young and old. There seems to be a special bond between all these fuzzy bear lovers that defies analysis.



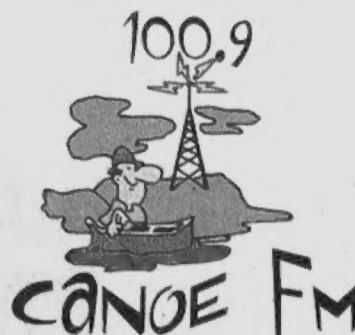
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"But I Was A Good Boy!!" - A Christmas Story...

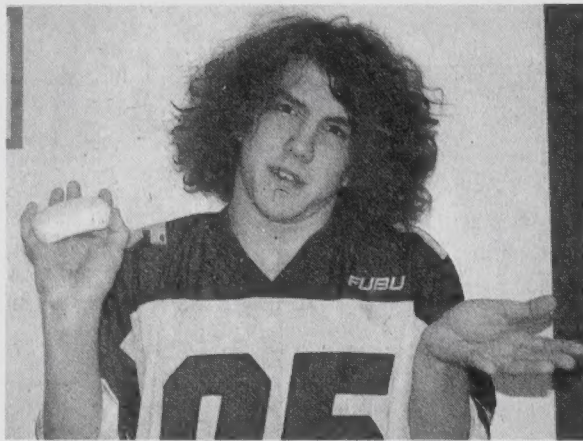
Boy Opens "Sealed" Gift Box - And To His Surprise - It Wasn't What He or His Family Expected!!...

Christmas is supposed to be a fun time, and all was going well at the Bryan family Christmas in Harcourt Park a couple years ago. The parents Michael and Rose had managed to get all the gifts their kids wanted. Their son Chris had wanted a \$115 game for his Nintendo system and the proud parents were not to disappoint their son this year.

However when Chris opened his Nintendo Game, the excitement soon turned to dismay. When he opened the box, instead of the hockey game that was meant for him, he found a nicely shrink wrapped bar of yellow soap in it's place!

"We couldn't believe it," says Rose. "The kid was dying for this game and gets a bar of soap instead. We don't know whether it was someone from the factory or someone from Wal-Mart that did it. It sure turned out to be a pathetic Christmas though. He was heartbroken, and we all started crying. We didn't even feel like cooking the turkey that night. It was horrible. But my daughter kept saying the important thing was that we were all together on Christmas."

Rose and Michael had purchased the game/ soap at Wal-Mart in



Scarborough but say they returned it to Wal-Mart in Peterborough on Boxing Day. "We were prepared to "Box" too. We were so upset we barely slept the night before. But they exchanged it no questions asked," says Rose.

Well once bitten, twice shy so to speak as Rose returned to the store next year to purchase another Nintendo game for Chris's Birthday. "I told the clerk I wanted to open the box and check inside before I paid for it. At first he was saying "No Way", but I told him the story and gave him the look and he backed off pretty quick."

Rose says they all laugh about it now, but it took a while. "You're not supposed to cry on Christmas! Who would have thought? I guess some people have a sick sense of humour!"

Thanks for sharing this story Rose and Chris. We're always looking for "Clean" humour around here!



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Come See The Giant Santa One of Only 40 in the World

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As for this special time of year, you will want to see her special Christmas room, dedicated to the Holiday Season year round, and this year there is a special addition – a giant Santa Claus – to hard to describe, a must see in person. Lets just say that is is only one of 40 in all of the world... yep.. the world!!



And let's not forget a very Big and Special Bear named Ursa (over six feet tall) who is always on hand to greet you.

If you've ever loved a bear, or can even remember owning a teddy, or are perhaps feeling a little overcome by the holiday

spirit, you owe it to yourself to visit Teddy Time. You will not only find that perfect bear for your someone special, but you'll almost certainly gain a little more faith in the human spirit.

Carol has also created a very popular web store at www.teddytime.com for bear lovers worldwide. But you sense that Carol wants her customers just to enjoy the very special appeal that her amazing inventory gives to the world. As her website motto has it, "A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart."

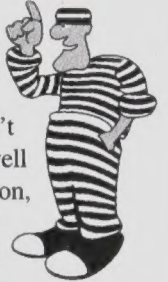
Teddy Time also sells very attractive lines of tapestry throws and accessories and artist collector plates.

Teddy Time is located on Highland Street just west of the Village overlooking Head Lake.



Dumb Criminals

WHO'S CALLING? After a Farmington Hills, Mich., shoe store was robbed, police found the robber had dropped something: his cell phone. They traced the phone to Wilbert Boswell, 49. They called him to say that a citizen had turned in his lost phone, and he could come to the station to get it. But Boswell is "dumber than dumb," said Police Chief William Dwyer — he "didn't even make it to the right police station." Boswell stopped at a neighbouring town's police station, "where officers stalled him until our guys could go over and pick him up." - ...And all the way back to Farmington Hills the cops taunted him, "Can you hear me NOW?"



CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON: Eight months pregnant, Angela L. Jackson, 18, of Susquehanna Township, Penn., has been charged with waddling into a neighbour's house and trying to rob the occupants there — armed with a putty knife. At the time, she was out on bail awaiting trial on charges she robbed a convenience store — armed with an ice cream scoop. - ...Those cravings will get you every time.



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Want to try something new and exciting this winter? For the more adventurous you can learn to luge. Haliburton County is home to one of only two natural track luge runs in Ontario.

As the driver, you will steer the sled with the reins while also using your legs and feet to direct the runners of the sled into the turns. Natural track luge is a great family and youth oriented winter activity. Its combination of speed, excitement, and affordability make it a 'natural' wonder of winter.

The Redstone River Club's Naturbahn track uses a beautifully tract of hilly forest kindly provided by Peter Schlieffenbaum at the Haliburton Forest. The track, designed by the club's own Bahnmeister, Kurt Herzog, is divided into two sections totally 700 metres in length. The club's track is just the second in Ontario



Luge Anybody? Fun To Watch & Do... The Choice is Yours!

and only the sixth in Canada. The combination of speed, excitement and skill make it a great family sport.

Kurt provides instruction and the use of sleds to new members and their families. The Club's learn-to-luge package combines entrance fee, basic equipment and an introductory lesson.

For further information about the Club please call Kurt Herzog at 754-4097 or Robert Van Nood at 754-1873.

Did You Know...

Luge first originated in the Swiss Alps in the 19th century and was practised on logging roads leading from the hills to the villages. International competitions began in 1883, and the artificial track version, Kuntsbahn, became an Olympic Sport in 1964. The natural track version, Naturbahn, has survived as an extremely popular local sport throughout Europe. In Naturbahn, the turns are flat, not banked, and courses wind along the natural contours of hills. More body movements by the participant are required, and speeds of up to 60 kph are possible!



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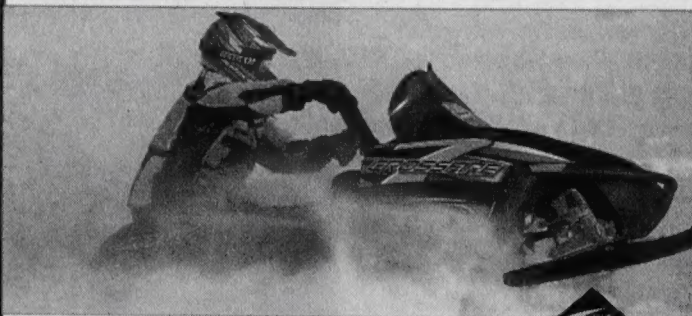
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- 2 - The last time you saw your boss was when he testified against you at the embezzlement trial
- 3 - On your door, you find a lovely wreath of pink slips
- 4 - What you call "my new office," everybody else calls "the supply closet"
- 5 - Boss's Christmas card says, "Don't let the door hit your butt on the way out"
- 6 - You keep getting memos reminding you that employees are required to wear pants
- 7 - When your boss came over for Thanksgiving, he was crushed under avalanche of stolen office supplies
- 8 - Whenever you ask for a raise, a guy shows up at your house and breaks your jaw
- 9 - In your most recent performance evaluation, the word "crap" appeared 78 times
- 10 - You haven't received one in the last 10 years - nor have you received a raise in that time either.

Ten signs your sick of the holidays

- 1 - You've got red and green bags under your eyes
- 2 - You're serving reindeer pot pie
- 3 - When you hear, "Sleigh bells ring, are you listenin'?", you scream, "No! I'm not listening!"
- 4 - You climb on your roof and start shooting carolers with your air gun
- 5 - You think you hear your Christmas tree taunting you.
- 6 - Instead of spending time with family, you're watching some guy make photo copies
- 7 - You're busted for running through town wearing nothing but mistletoe.
- 8 - You've got eggnog coming out of your ears
- 9 - Your dreaming of a tropical Christmas
- 10 - Two words: tinsel rash

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker

Ten Signs You've Got A Bad Christmas Tree

- 1 - Two feet tall, forty feet wide
- 2 - Salesman's opening line: "You're not a cop, are you?"
- 3 - It looks suspiciously like a broom handle with a lot of coat hangers
- 4 - While you sleep, it gets liquored up and takes the family caravan for a joy ride.
- 5 - Each branch has "Duraflame" printed on it.
- 6 - Keeps heckling your lame top ten list
- 7 - It's very small and says "air freshener" on it.
- 8 - Rabbis have better Christmas trees than yours.
- 9 - Charlie Brown's is award winning next to it.
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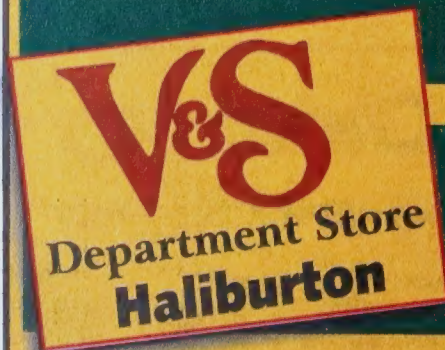
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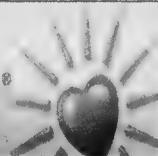
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Grandfather's Clock

by Kathy Fasiq

In the dining room of my grandfather's house stood a massive grandfather clock. Meals in that dining room were a time for four generations to become one. The table was always spread with food from wonderful family recipes all containing love as the main ingredient. And always that grandfather clock stood like a trusted old family friend, watching over the laughter and story swapping and gentle kidding that were a part of our lives.

As a child, the old clock fascinated me. I watched and listened to it during meals. I marveled at how at different times of the day, that clock would chime three times, six times or more, with a wonderful resonant sound that echoed throughout the house. I found the clock comforting. Familiar. Year after year, the clock chimed, a part of my memories, a part of my heart.

Even more wonderful to me was my grandfather's ritual. He meticulously wound that clock with a special key each day. That key was magic to me. It kept our family's magnificent clock ticking and chiming, a part of every holiday and every tradition, as solid as the wood from which it was made. I remember watching as my grand-father took the key from his pocket and opened the hidden door in the massive old clock. He inserted the key and wound-not too much, never overwind, he'd tell me solemnly. Nor too little. He never let that clock wind down and stop. When we grandkids got a little older, he showed us how to open the door to the grandfather clock and let us each take a turn winding the key. I remember the first time I did, I trembled with anticipation. To be part of this family ritual was sacred.

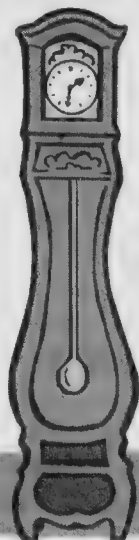
After my beloved grandfather died, it was several days after the funeral before I remembered the clock!

"Mama! The clock! We've let it wind down."

The tears flowed freely when I entered the dining room. The clock stood forlornly quiet. As quiet as the funeral parlor had been. Hushed. The clock even seemed smaller. Not quite as magnificent without my grandfather's special touch. I couldn't

bear to look at it.

Sometime later, years later, my grandmother gave me the clock and the key. The old house was quiet. No bowls clanging, no laughter over the dinner table, no ticking or chiming of the clock-all was still. The hands on the clock were frozen, a reminder of time slipping away, stopped at the precise moment when my grandfather had ceased winding it. I took the key in my shaking hand and opened the clock door. All of a sudden, I was a child again, watching my grandfather with his silver-white hair and twinkling blue eyes. He was there, winking at me, at the secret of the clock's magic, at the key that held so much power. I stood, lost in the moment for a long time. Then slowly, reverently, I inserted the key and wound the clock. It sprang to life. Tick-tock, tick-tock, life and chimes were breathed into the dining room, into the house and into my heart. In the movement of the hands of the clock, my grandfather lived again.



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Amid All The Hustle And Bustle...

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So you want to give snowmobiling a try this year, or maybe you want to explore some new trails. Why not give Haliburton Forest a try.

As stated above, there is plenty of land to play on offering fantastic scenery and hours of enjoyment.

The point of entry to the property is the Base Camp at Kennisis

Lake where trail passes can be obtained. Gasoline and oil, machine rentals, accommodation and food are also available here. Ample free parking and space to unload machines is provided. Services to machines are available at nearby Haliburton Outdoor Equipment.



to let you warm up, enjoy a snack or simply socialize.

A four colour map of the area showing the trail system, location of shelters, lakes, etc. can be obtained free of charge.

Haliburton

Forest is not crossed by any highways. Main lake crossings are staked and a network of dry land trails, not crossing water, is being maintained in order to stay independent of weather conditions.

Trail and Property Use Permit

All visitors to Haliburton Forest are required to obtain a permit (daily or seasonal), prior to entering the property. Those failing to comply will have to face trespassing charges. The daily permit is valid for the day it was purchased for until midnight.

**Snowmobiling
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Snowmobiling In The Forest cont'd...

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Since the 2002 season, Haliburton Forest has limited the number of daily users on its trailsystem to 100. Therefore, daily visitors, especially on weekends, are required to reserve a space on the trails prior to arrival. This will ensure that visiting snowmobilers will be provided with the best possible and consistently great snowmobiling conditions.

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Snowmobiling for the 2005/06 Season

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NOTE: Children under 18 to be accompanied by parent.

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Snowmobile Rentals: Per day mid week - \$170.00 plus trail fee. Per day weekends - \$190.00 plus trail fee. NOTE: Deposit Required

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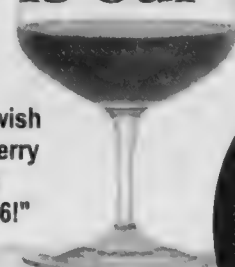
(Sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland")

Doorbell rings, I'm not list'nin',
From my mouth, drool is glist'nin',
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My boss let me go —
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All night long, I sit clicking,
Unaware time is ticking,
There's beard on my cheek,
Same clothes for a week,
Happily addicted to the Web!

Friends come by; they shake me, Saying, "Yo, man!
Don't you know tonight's the senior prom?"
With a listless shrug, I mutter "No, man;
I just discovered laugh-a-lot-dot-com!"
I don't phone, don't send faxes,
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What's With Mistletoe?

Since ancient times, the mistletoe has been one of the most magical, mysterious and sacred plants of European folklore.

The ancient Druids considered the mistletoe to be a sacred plant and believed it had miraculous powers which could cure illnesses, serve as an antidote against poisons, ensure fertility and protect against the ill effects of witchcraft. It was also believed that the mistletoe was an aphrodisiac or a sexual symbol.

From these strange beliefs has come the modern-day custom of hanging a ball of mistletoe from the ceiling and exchanging kisses under it as a sign of friendship and goodwill.

The tradition of smooching under the mistletoe descends from the customs of several different cultures. For instance, exchanging kisses under the mistletoe was a tradition of Greek festivals and marital ceremonies. If a couple in love exchanges a kiss under the mistletoe, it is interpreted as a promise to marry, as well as a prediction of happiness and long life.

The Anglo-Saxons associated the powers of the mistletoe to the legend of Freya, the goddess of love, beauty and fertility. According to the legend, a man had to kiss any young girl who, without realizing it, found herself accidentally under a sprig of mistletoe hanging from the ceiling. Guys would pluck a berry when they smooched the girls and when the last berry was gone, there would be no more kissing!

In France, the custom linked to the mistletoe was reserved for New Year's Day: "Au gui l'An neuf"—Mistletoe for the New Year.

Today, kisses can be exchanged under the mistletoe any time during the holiday season.

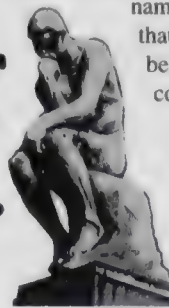
Did you know?

Although the mistletoe is considered to be the seed of love, the common name of the plant is derived from the ancient belief that mistletoe grew from bird droppings. This strange belief was related to the ancient principle that life could spring spontaneously from dung.

In ancient times, people observed that mistletoe appeared on a branch or twig where birds had left droppings. "Mistel" is the Anglo-Saxon word for "dung," and "tan" is the word for "twig". So, mistletoe actually means "dung-on-a-twig". What a strange meaning for a plant that is supposed to bring love and happiness!

In Scandinavia, mistletoe was considered a plant of peace, under which enemies could declare a truce or warring spouses kiss and make-up. Whenever enemies met under the mistletoe in the forest, they had to lay down their arms and observe a truce until the next day.

Today's custom of using mistletoe to decorate houses at Christmas is a survival of European beliefs and traditions. In Europe, branches of mistletoe were hung from ceilings to ward off evil spirits. In some countries, they were placed over house and stable doors to prevent the entrance of witches.



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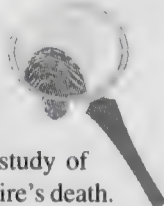
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Who Dun-it?



Detective Minden entered the richly carpeted study of Richard Grimsby. He had just heard of the billionaire's death. Poisoning was suspected. Grimsby lay behind his desk on the floor. His sightless eyes stared at the ceiling. Near the door sat a weary looking balding man. Minden approached him.

Case of the Poisoned Uncle

"Mr. John Grimsby?" he asked.
"Aren't you Richard's great nephew?"

"Yes. I'm here in Lochlin from California visiting my uncle. I haven't seen him in over 20 years," he said.

"What happened here?" inquired the detective.

"I came into the study around 10 a.m to say good morning to my uncle. He was in a great mood. He

asked me to pour him another coffee, so I did. He drank about half of it while we were chatting, then said he had to call the plumber to fix the leak downstairs before he forgot."

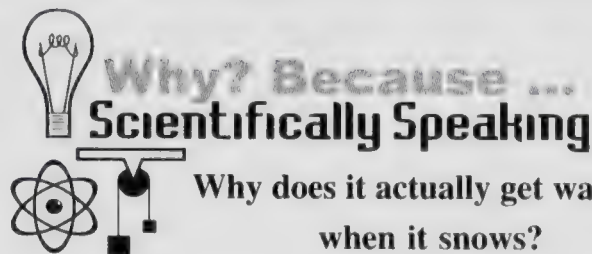
"Plumber Dave Johnson?" asked Minden.

"Yes," said John. He continued, "He just started to dial the number and began gasping for air, let out a sharp cry, grabbed his throat and fell to the floor. I looked at him in shock and I could tell he was dead. He wasn't breathing. I made sure not to touch anything and left immediately. I locked the door and called the maid Mrs. Brown who called the doctor and police. I kept the study door locked until you got here."

Detective Minden nodded and looked down at the dead man with the empty coffee cup beside him on the floor. Just then the phone rang on the billionaire's desk. Minden answered the phone and explained that Richard Grimsby had died and an investigation was in progress. After hanging up the phone, he turned to the nephew and said, "I think you could help yourself out by telling the truth John."

Why doesn't the detective believe John's story?

For Answer see pg. 62...



Why? Because ... Scientifically Speaking

Why does it actually get warmer
when it snows?

Snowing does not cause the warmth- the relative warmth causes the snow.

During very cold weather the capacity of the air to contain moisture is greatly reduced. What water vapor remains is deposited as frost. At the same time, evaporation is reduced and therefore air humidity remains low. In these conditions snow cannot form.

Warmer air can hold more moisture before saturation point is reached and the water vapor begins to condense out. So when warmer air moves into cooler areas, not only do we feel the increase in temperature, but the excess vapor precipitates as snow.

Warm thoughts at Christmas

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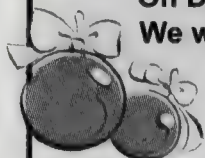
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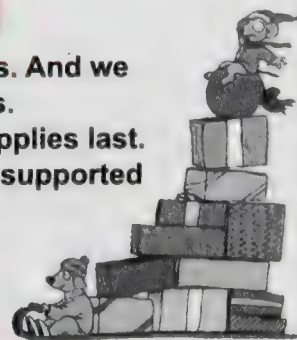
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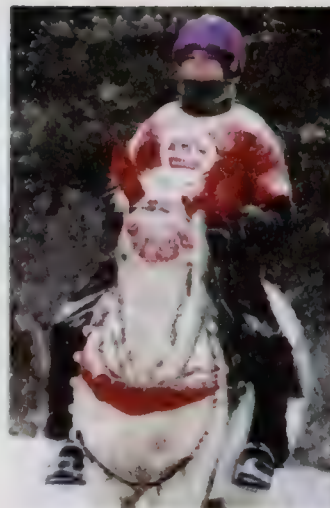


A Fun Thing To Do!!

Try Horseback Riding In The Winter Time Through South Algonquin Park

Tammy Donaldson first fell in love with horses when she was a little girl growing up in Harcourt. "My parents didn't have a farm, or a lot of land, but they were kind enough to let me have my own horse to ride when I was just 12 years old. And I've loved horses and worked with them ever since."

Tammy has owned and operated her South Algonquin Trails and Equestrian Outfitters since 1999. She has a formal agreement with the Algonquin Park authorities to operate her trails out of her base north of Harcourt on Elephant Lake Road. For the Park, it's one more interesting way the public can experience the beauty and diversity of Algonquin. Tammy, her daughter Jocelyn, and Christy Smith are all Certified Trail Guides and members of the Ontario Equestrian Federation. Tammy is also a graduate of the Humber College Equine Studies program, which she calls a really valuable experience for anyone who wants to look after horses full time.



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There really is something special about riding horses through the silent woods in winter. The horses regularly encounter deer and occasionally other wildlife, but rarely moose. "Once we did see a moose, a bull, and the horses were quite nervous: for one thing, what was that great rack on their head, and for another, why were they running loose?" But the horses are very used to the deer, and even share feeding stations with them. The

trails use unplowed roads and old logging trails through the Park, including the Kingscote Lake Road.

South Algonquin Trails also offers private or group lessons as well as a Summer Camp program. South Algonquin is located at 4378 Elephant Lake Road, but reservations are essential. For bookings you may call 705 448-1751, or 1 800 758-4801. A one hour ride is just \$40 per person, or \$70 for two hours, tax included. Tammy suggests you dress for winter rides as you would for snowmobiling (but without the helmet!)



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Snowmobiling In Haliburton County

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association of Ontario invites sledders to enjoy 580 km of excellent wide groomed trails, spectacular scenery and abundant snow. The Following is a Message From The President of the Haliburton Snowmobile Club:

**President's Report
By Andy Chvedukas, President-
HCSA**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated riders and new riders that bought their trail permits from the Haliburton area. Your support greatly helps us maintain our trail system for your enjoyment. Your loyalty over the years has made this organization what it is today.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is going into its 34th year of providing snowmobile trails in Haliburton County. During those years the trail system has grown to where it is today, over 550 kilometers of groomed enjoyment.

This year the HCSA will be continuing to improve trails as our finances permit and provide excellent trails to all our permit buyers. At present time there are re-routes planned to keep our trail system functioning for uninterrupted service.

As most of you know, the Insurance issue is continually hounding snowmobilers throughout the Province. Insurance rates continue to be high and snowmobilers are the ones footing the bill.

The real reason is the amount of insurance needed for coverage on OFSC trails. The current rate is \$15,000,000. This rate is what is recommended through lawyers for the OFSC.

Our litigious society continues to launch lawsuits throughout.

In Quebec, the most anyone can launch civil proceedings against their snowmobile organization is \$2,000,000.

If our insurance rates are to start dropping, there has to be Provincial legislation to establish a much lower ceiling.

Snowmobilers have generated millions upon millions of dollars over the years

for the tourism industry. Last year alone, over 1 billion dollars was generated for tourism throughout the Province from snowmobiling.

This large amount gives snowmobilers a loud voice when it comes to the above issue.

Given the fact that most rural northern communities rely upon winter tourism to sustain their presence, if this sport begins to diminish greatly, so will numerous communities in those areas.

Contact your MPP and voice your concerns with respect to this issue.

In closing, the Farmer's almanac is predicting a winter with "great amounts of precipitation." The almanac has been accurate 80 percent of the time. To a snowmobiler this translates into large amounts of snow for this coming winter. Let's hope the almanac is 80 percent right again.

Remember to practice the "zero tolerance" alcohol policy and ride safely this season.

Hope to see you on the trails.



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from
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**From Council & Staff
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Snowmobiling cont'd...

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Trail Report

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) has always strived to maintain the best trail system available for our riders.

Bridge building, trail straightening, and bulldozing, brushing, tree removal, re-routing. Those are the terms that are used continuously year after year at the HCSA. This year we are also faced with decisions on trail re-routing in certain areas.

Several landowners have closed a portion of the main TOPS trail from Haliburton north to Eagle lake and Whitney. The HCSA will be re-routed along the county road and around the land in question making this a better trail than before. This allows the trail system to be situated on municipal land and having long-term sustainability.

The trail system in Haliburton is situated on approximately 75-80 percent of private property. The HCSA has now started to open and use concession allowances and unopened road allowances for future trails. This is one way of maintaining the trail system in tact without future landowner reprisals.

Our number 4 trail along the Duck Lake Road will also be re-located on a concession allowance which makes it safer for our riders by eliminating 5 kilometers of road travel and ensures long term use.

As we have said before, the work doesn't stop when the snow melts. The hard backbreaking work begins. When the heavy machinery is put away and the snow falls, our fabulous groomer operators will continue to smooth the trails for your enjoyment.

The HCSA has 6 heavy groomers that have been serviced and ready to roll when needed. Since there is a prediction of large amounts of snow this year, these machines will be put to the test.

The HCSA could not continue with these improvements if it wasn't for your permit funds. These funds have to be put into the trails and on the snow so you can continue to enjoy the winter activity, which you so love.

GROOMING.....when we do it, and why we sometimes don't.....

Haliburton County Snowmobile Trails are made up of miles of rocky terrain, swamps, ponds, lakes, and concession roads. Before grooming begins there has to be frost in the ground. In other words we need a cold and dry start to the season before the snow comes down.

Because of the terrain described, Club policy dictates we have to have a minimum of 12" of snow before we start panning the trails, and that's the reason why we sometimes wait.

And then we have ice crossings (lakes and swamps) where we need 10" of solid hard ice before we can stake these routes.

Trails are groomed on a regular basis and our website is updated as Groomer reports come in.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is located at 113 Industrial Park Rd., Box 1405, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0. Phone 457-4263 or fax: 457-2370.

Permits to ride the trails are \$230.

You can get your permit application online at www.hcsa.on.ca or

You can purchase your permits at any of the following locations:

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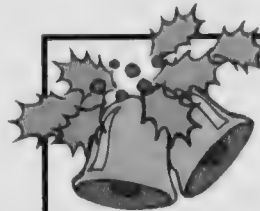
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Warm Wishes and Gratitude

As we get ready to ring in the holidays, we wish to take this time to extend our thanks to everyone who has supported us this year in any way. Your help has been appreciated and not forgotten. We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

*From Donna MacDonald, Sherry Mulholland,
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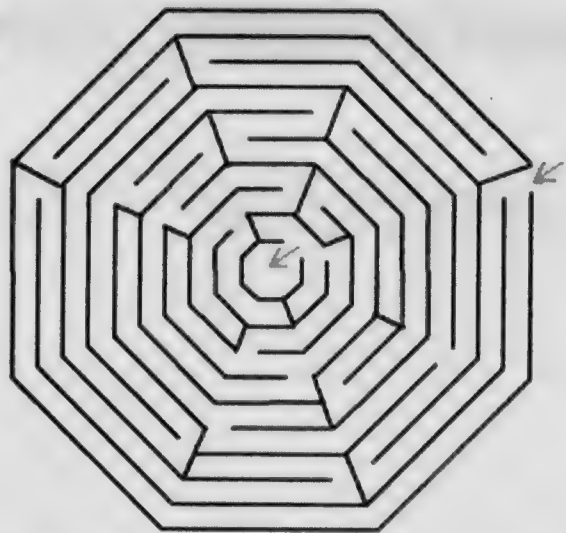
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CLASSIC VERSION:

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool, and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The shivering grasshopper has no food or shelter, so he dies out in the cold.

THE END

THE CANADIAN VERSION:

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool, and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. So far, so good, eh?

The shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while others less fortunate, like him, are cold and starving.

The CBC shows up to provide live coverage of the shivering grasshopper; with cuts to a video of the ant in his comfortable warm home with a table laden with food.

Canadians are stunned that in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so while others have plenty.

The NDP, the CAW and the Coalition Against Poverty demonstrate in front of the ant's house. The CBC, interrupting an Inuit cultural festival special from Nunavut with breaking news, broadcasts them singing "We Shall Overcome".

Sven Robinson rants in an interview with Pamela Wallin that the

ant has gotten rich off the backs of grasshoppers, and calls for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his "fair share".

In response to polls, the Liberal Government drafts the Economic Equity and Grasshopper Anti-Discrimination Act, retroactive to the beginning of the summer.

The ant's taxes are reassessed, and he is also fined for failing to hire grasshoppers as helpers.

Without enough money to pay both the fine and his newly imposed retroactive taxes, the government confiscates his home.

The ant moves to the US, and starts a successful agribiz company.

The CBC later shows the now fat grasshopper finishing up the last of the ant's food, though Spring is still months away, while the government house he is in, which just happens to be the ant's old house, crumbles around him because he hasn't bothered to maintain it.

Inadequate government funding is blamed, Roy Romanow is appointed to head a commission of enquiry that will cost \$10,000,000.

The grasshopper is soon dead of a drug overdose, the Toronto Star blames it on the obvious failure of government to address the root causes of despair arising from social inequity.

The abandoned house is taken over by a gang of immigrant spiders, praised by the government for enriching Canada's multicultural diversity, who promptly set up a marijuana grow op and terrorize the community.

THE END

Merry, Merry Christmas

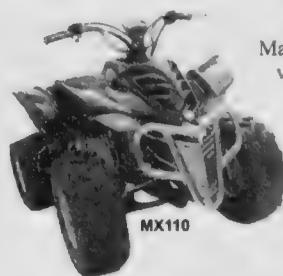
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For most of us Christmas means a special family time away from the pressures of work and the world. From noon on Christmas Eve until after Boxing Day it's as if the world out there stops, if ever so briefly, as families reunite, attend Church, eat too much and sleep too long.

But of course the world does keep going around and people still need all kinds of help and assistance right through Christmas. For our hospital workers, ambulance paramedics, firefighters and police Christmas is another workday, with a special set of demands and disciplines.

Debbie Watson has been an RN at the Haliburton Hospital for almost 20 years, and she'll be at the



hospital for a regular day shift this Christmas. "When you become a hospital RN you know you're going to have to work the holidays once in a while. None of us has to do it every year, so you can plan your family time around it. My husband and my two sons will all get up with me at 5 in the morning for breakfast and some presents before I go to work for 7. And we'll have our Christmas dinner at home 12 hours later."

Debbie also says that it can be a very special time at the hospital as families make certain their loved ones have at least a little Christmas joy. "But we also hope we're really not busy, just because it's so sad to be get seriously sick on Christmas Day."

But the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals are completely ready, just in case. Haliburton has a doctor, an X-ray technician (shared with Minden), three nurses in Emergency and three more on the floor, plus kitchen and housekeeping staff.

In Minden Nurses Denise Northey, Rachel Fearrey and Michelle St. Germain will be joined by a Physician and a Registered Practical Nurse. They too just hope Christmas Day will be really quiet. "Sometimes we get people who just want to come in and talk - I guess they're lonely. Christmas can also be a sad time of year, particularly for some seniors," says Michelle. "But we're here to help, if we can."

Most of the hospital staff work the full three days, from Christmas Eve through Boxing Day, which they all seem to prefer since it on their off years they get the full holiday. And for the rest of us, it means that we



AUDITIONS

Auditions for the Highlands Summer Festival's 2006 season productions will be held Saturday and Sunday January 14 & 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Audition packages are available at the locations listed below or may be downloaded from the Highlands Summer Festival web site. This year's productions will require ten women and ten men ranging in age from 20 to 60+ and three to ten children/adolescents 9 to 17 years of age.

Please note: You must register in advance to attend an audition. Registration and audition information, character descriptions and an explanation of the commitment expected of anyone interested in taking part in this season's productions is included in the audition packages. Audition packages can be picked up at:

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BACKSTAGE ASSISTANCE

Highlands Summer Festival is also looking for volunteers interested in assisting in a number of back stage functions including set construction and painting, assistant stage management, strike and set crew, ushering and ticket-taking, wardrobe and other areas. Anyone interested in learning more about these

opportunities should contact the Producers:

Dave Mills - 754-2999 or Heather Smith 457-2218

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Christmas Nurses Cont'd...

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can eat, drink and be merry with the happy knowledge that if we do need help, our hospital and service personnel are ready and waiting. Just one more Christmas gift, for all of us.



Pictured on opposite page, From left, on left side of tree: Joan Sawyer, Acute Care RPN.; Chris Briggs, support staff Standing: Diane Stamp, RPN; Debbie Watson, RN; Jaime Simms, RN; Nancy Stanford, housekeeping. On other side of tree: Diane Collins, Kitchen; Nancy Roberts RN.

Pictured above is Rachel Fearrey, RN; Denise Northey, RN and Michelle St. Germain, RN



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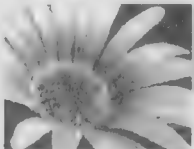
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Doctor, Doctor! Everyone thinks I'm a liar!
Doctor: I don't believe you!

Yoga Coming To Minden

Gail Holness will be bringing her yoga to Physical Journey in Minden. She will be offering a Friday morning class which she hopes will be both challenging and fun for her participants.

In addition to this is a Monday Walk & Yoga Class, which is what it says, a one hour walk followed by a yoga class. What a nice way to begin your week. And lastly for all those working people, who just can't find the time during the week, there is now a Saturday Morning Yoga Class. Come on out, have fun, shape up and make 2006 a healthy and fit year!!!

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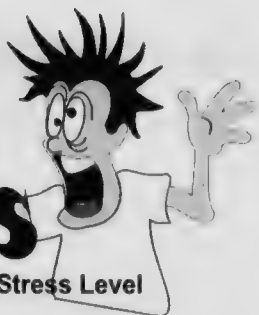
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Gearing Up For Holiday Travel

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Prepare Your Vehicle

Make sure your turn signals, wipers, parking brake, brake lights and headlights are working. Check the air pressure in your tires, including the spare. Check the oil, radiator, and windshield washer fluid and refill as needed. Remember to pack safety equipment such as a flashlight, first-aid kit, blankets, jumper cables, food and water. A cell phone is also helpful for emergencies.

Plan Your Route

Minimize stress by mapping out your route in advance and having an alternate in case of heavy traffic. Keeping a road atlas on hand for quick reference can be a good idea. To help, Michelin recently launched a brand-new atlas for North America. This spiral bound, compact atlas lies flat for easier navigating and is organized geographically, not alphabetically, as are most atlases. That means you can focus on your trip and spend less time fumbling to find the right map.

Don't Eat and Run

Don't eat a big holiday dinner and immediately get back into the car for a long drive. A big meal can make you drowsy and a tired driver has slower reaction times. Take a walk after dinner to get the blood flowing or better yet, take a nap. Once you do head out, take a 15-minute break-or more-every two to three hours to stretch and break the boredom of driving.

Leave Early, Stay Late

If your schedule permits, avoid peak traffic by leaving a day earlier than everyone else and returning a day earlier or a day later.

Entertain The Kids

Entertaining car-based activities for the kids will help make the journey more pleasant. Compact board games with magnetic pieces or such classic games as "I Spy," scavenger hunts or even counting cows can help make the time pass quickly. Try giving children their own map or atlas so they can track the journey and learn how to use a map at the same time. Make a game out of it and see who can calculate the distance the fastest. Spending time together on a road trip can be a great way to have quality time with your family. Some advance planning can help keep your family in a festive holiday mood.

A little advance planning can help keep your family in a festive mood throughout your holiday season travels.

THE SENILITY PRAYER : Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.



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'Twas the night before Christmas (Politically Correct)

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck.

How to live in a world that's politically correct?

His workers no longer would answer to Elves,
Vertically Challenged they were calling themselves.

And labour conditions at the north pole

Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,

Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear

That Santa had better not use just reindeer.

So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,

Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;

The ruts were termed dangerous by the E. P. A.

And people had started to call for the cops

When they heard sled noises on their rooftops.

Secondhand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.

His fur trimmed red suit was called Unenlightened.

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,

Rudolf was suing over unauthorised use of his nose

And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,

Demanding millions in overdue compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,

Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,

Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,

Demanding from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd ne'er had a notion

That making a choice could cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,

Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute.

Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.

Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.

Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.

Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.

Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.

No candy or sweets, they were bad for the tooth.

Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.

And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,

Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.

For they raised the hackles of those psychological

Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football, someone could get hurt

Besides, playing sports exposes kids to dirt.

Dolls were said to be sexist and should be passe

And Nintendo would rot your poor brain away.

So Santa just stood there, dishevelled, perplexed

He just could not figure out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,

But you've got to be careful with that word today.

His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground

Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might

Give to all without angering the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,

Each group of people, every religion;

Every ethnicity, every hue.

Everyone, everywhere-even you.

So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth.

"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."

School Daze!!

By Christine Carr



As students rejoice, Christmas holidays are here at last! The long-awaited moment comes tomorrow, as students leave school for an entire two weeks of fun, sleeping in, and postponing all the homework they are sure to receive. Christmas comes late this year, on Sunday, but that just makes the spirit days at school all that much more fun. However, there has been much more happening at school that just Christmas preparations.

The sports are still continuing, with many good games throughout the different teams. For example, volleyball is still going strong, and they sound to be getting better with each game. Both junior and senior boys basketball teams are also improving as they go, scoring many points throughout their games in various locations. Wrestling is doing fantastic this year, bringing home a few gold every time, and numerous silver and bronzes. Way to go wrestling, as well as the rest of the teams!

Three weeks ago, for the Christmas concert put on by the music students, I missed mentioning two groups that definitely deserve credit. The grade nine band surprised all, with good music and spirit in every song. The school has something to look forward to if those are the students that will be continuing on in music throughout the next couple years! The second group was the jazz combo. They impress everyone every time, sounding like more than you would expect from a high school group, and like always, the solos were great.

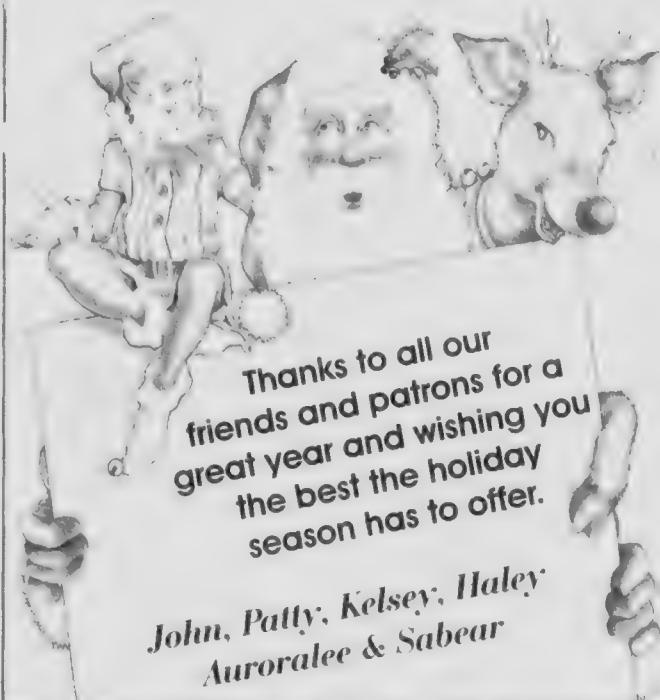
This Wednesday was the annual Tributes talent showcase, with various students doing everything from drama to music and more, with each performance dedicated to someone important to that person. Like always it was an amazing performance, with some great acts.

Now it brings us to the Christmas part. This week has been the school's annual spirit week, with Tuesday being the traditional Pyjama day; Wednesday being Holiday Idol day, where you dress up as your favourite holiday character; Thursday being Winter Wear day, where you get to wear your outdoor wear inside; and tomorrow being, naturally, Red and Green day. Students are not just dressing up, however, there are different activities every day of the week. These activities range from gingerbread men decorating (you get to decorate and eat your own gingerbread men), tobaxinning (where you race with your team in a box and you pushing outside on a track in the snow), and my favourite, Christmas present wrapping. All last week students could bring in a toy to donate and at lunch there would be contests where students would wrap the toy and try to do the nicest job the fastest, and the toys are donated.

Tomorrow will end off with the annual Christmas assembly, and this year there is sure to be tons of fun and funny stuff, so students should definitely go. This is all for now, but more will be happening after Christmas.



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At the moment plans are to open on Fridays and possible Saturday mornings. Mr. Starzynski hails originally from Saskatchewan, and graduated in law from Dalhousie University in Halifax. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1970 and has been practising in the province ever since.

Mr. Starzynski handles all manner of family law issues from divorce to custody agreements and marriage contracts. He also handles real estate transactions that often arise through divorce or separation, as well as wills, powers of attorney, and so on. Until his office is settled in Haliburton, you may contact him at his Markham office at 1 877 411-0902, or through Susan Norcross at the Business Centre in Haliburton at 457-1050.

It's The Law!

A city ordinance in Baltimore, Maryland makes it against the law to mistreat an oyster.

In Illinois, it is against the law to fall asleep in a barber's chair!

In Coral Gables, Florida, it is against the law to swim in a private pool near a church on Sunday morning!

In Detroit, Michigan, It's against the law to loiter at the city morgue!



It was once illegal in Wisconsin to serve apple pie without cheese.

In 1993, Representative Robert Spear introduced a bill in the Maine Legislature to allow undersized lobster that are caught to be kept as pets!

In ancient Greece, it was illegal for an ordinary citizen to own an olive tree!

A law in Santa Ana, California makes it illegal for a person to swim on dry land!

Happy Holidays

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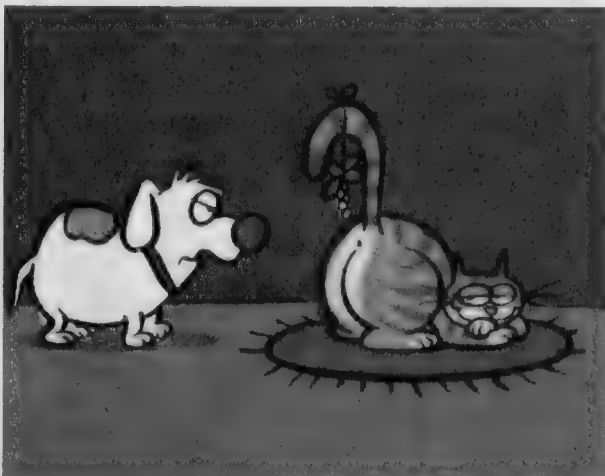
An employer and employee are not married for life. One of the ways the employment relationship is severed is by constructive dismissal. This may occur when an employer acts unilaterally to change the terms or conditions of employment. Such conduct often amounts to a repudiation of the employment contract by the employer which then permits the employee to sue for damages for wrongful dismissal.

Constructive dismissal may arise in several ways. An obvious example is money. There is very little debate that a significant reduction in the remuneration of an employee will constitute constructive dismissal. An area of dispute is whether the employee was hired to perform a particular job or whether the employer may assign the employee to other duties. Many court decisions maintain that an employer does have the right to change an employee's duties where there is no compelling evidence of the terms of the contract. However, where there is such evidence, the assignment of a new position, inferior in status and different in scope from the prior position, may amount to a demotion and hence, constitute constructive dismissal.

Another area of concern is a change in the geographic location of the workplace by the employer. The general rule is that an employer has the right to make a reasonable change in the location of the workplace provided that there is no written contract restricting relocation. In other words, an employee is not entitled to a job for life in a place of the employee's choosing. However, the employee is entitled to reasonable compensation for the move.

The issue of day to day treatment may also be litigious. An employer owes a duty to its employees to treat them fairly and with respect. An employer who subjects employees to treatment that renders competent performance of their work impossible or continued work intolerable may be faced with a constructive dismissal lawsuit.

In the next column, I will be talking about the law of trusts.



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The Twelve Days of Christmas

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my true love sent to me...
A partridge in a pear tree
On the 2nd day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Two turtle doves
On the 3rd day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Three French hens
On the 4th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Four calling birds
On the 5th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Five gold rings
On the 6th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Six geese a-laying

On the 7th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Seven swans a-swimming
On the 8th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Eight maids a-milking
On the 9th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Nine drummers drumming
On the 10th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Ten pipers piping
On the 11th day of Christmas
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Eleven ladies dancing
On the 12th day of Christmas
my true love sent to me...
Twelve lords a-leaping

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O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God,
Begotten, not created; Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest; Refrain

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain

Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not live thee,
Loving us so dearly? Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing; Refrain

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We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
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To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding
We want some figgy pudding
Please bring it right here!
Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

We won't go until we get some
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So bring it out here!
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To you and your kin;
Glad tidings for Christmas
And a happy New Year!

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Up on the House Top

Up on the house top reindeer pause
Out jumps good old Santa Claus
Down thro' the chimney with lots of toys,
All for the little ones, Christmas joys

Ho Ho Ho! Who wouldn't go
Ho Ho Ho! Who wouldn't go
Up on the house top, click click click
Down through the chimney with old Saint Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell
Oh dear Santa, fill it well
Give her a dollie that laughs and cries
One that will open and shut her eyes

Ho Ho Ho! Who wouldn't go
Ho Ho Ho! Who wouldn't go
Up on the house top, click click click
Down through the chimney with old Saint Nick

Next comes the stocking of little Will
Oh just see what a glorious fill
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks
Also a ball and a whip that cracks

Ho Ho Ho! Who wouldn't go
Ho Ho Ho! Who wouldn't go
Up on the house top, click click click
Down through the chimney with old Saint Nick

Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'nin'?
In the lane snow is glist'nin'
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

Gone away is the bluebird
Here to stay is the new bird
He sings a love song as we go along
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

In the meadow we can build a snowman
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say "Are you married?" We'll say, "No,
man!"
but you can do the job when you're in town!"

Later on we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid, the plans that we made
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'nin'?
In the lane snow is glist'nin'
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

Gone away is the bluebird
Here to stay is the new bird
He's singing a song as we go along
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are
bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect Light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
worship Him, God on high. Chorus

Myrrh is mine: Its bitter perfume
breaths a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.
Chorus



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In the meadow we can build a
snowman
And pretend he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with Mister
Snowman
Until the older kiddies knock 'im
down!

When it snows, ain't it thrillin'
Tho' your nose gets a chillin'?
We'll frolic and play the Eskimo
way
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!
Walkin' in a winter wonderland!





Yuletide Greetings

May the beauty of the holidays shine
throughout the season
for your and yours.

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Where Are You Christmas

Where are you Christmas
Why can't I find you
Why have you gone away
Where is the laughter
You used to bring me
Why can't I hear music play

My world is changing
I'm rearranging
Does that mean Christmas
changes too

Where are you Christmas
Do you remember
The one you used to know
I'm not the same one
See what the time's done
Is that why you have let me go

Christmas is here everywhere, oh
Christmas is here if you care, oh
If there is love in your heart and your
mind
You will feel like Christmas all the
time

I feel you Christmas
I know I've found you
You never fade away
The joy of Christmas
Stays here in silence
Fills each and every heart with love

Where are you Christmas
Fills your heart with love



*"We hear the beating of
wings over Bethlehem
and a light that is not of
the sun or of the stars
shines in the midnight
sky.*

*Let the beauty of the
story take away all
narrowness, all thought
of formal creeds.*

*Let it be remembered as
a story that has happened
again and again, to men of many different races,
that has been expressed through many religions,
that has been called by many different names.*

**Time and space and
language lay no limitations upon
human brotherhood."**



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The Grinch's Song

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch
You really are a heel,
You're as cuddly as a cactus,
you're as charming as an eel, Mr.
Grinch,
You're a bad banana with a greasy
black peel!

You're a monster, Mr. Grinch,
Your heart's an empty hole,
Your brain is full of spiders, you
have garlic in your soul, Mr.
Grinch,
I wouldn't touch you with a
thirty-nine-and-a-half foot pole!

You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch,
You have termites in your smile,
You have all the tender sweetness
of a seasick crocodile, Mr. Grinch,
Given a choice between the two of
you I'd take the seasick crocodile!

You're a rotter, Mr. Grinch,
You're the king of sinful sots,
Your heart's a dead tomato
splotted with moldy purple
spots, Mr. Grinch,
You're a three decker sauerkraut
and toadstool sandwich with
arsenic sauce!

You nauseate me, Mr. Grinch,
With a nauseous super "naus"!,
You're a crooked dirty jockey and
you drive a crooked hoss, Mr.
Grinch,
Your soul is an appalling dump
heap overflowing with the most
disgraceful
assortment of rubbish imaginable
mangled up in tangled up knots!

You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch,
You're a nasty wasty skunk,
Your heart is full of unwashed
socks, your soul is full of gunk,

Mr. Grinch,
The three words that best describe
you are as follows, and I quote,
"Stink, stank, stunk"!

War is Over

So this is Christmas
And what have you done
Another year over
And a new one just begun
And so this is Christmas
I hope you have fun
The near and the dear ones
The old and the young

A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

And so this is Christmas
For weak and for strong
For rich and the poor ones
The world is so wrong
And so Happy Christmas
For black and for white
For yellow and red ones
Let's stop all the fight

A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

And so this is Christmas
And what have we done
Another year over
And a new one just begun
And so Happy Christmas
I hope you have fun
The near and the dear one
The old and the young

A very merry Christmas
And a happy New Year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

War is over if you want it
War is over now



Ho, Ho, Ho

and a Merry Christmas
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Come they told me
Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum
A new born king to see
Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum
Our finest gifts we bring
Pa-rum-pum-pum-pum
Rum-pum-pum-pum
Rum-pum-pum-pum

Peace on earth, can it be
Years from now, perhaps we'll see
See the day of glory
See the day when men of good
will
Live in peace, live in peace again

Peace on earth, can it be

Every child must be made aware
Every child must be made to care
Care enough for his fellow man
To give all the love that he can

I pray my wish will come true
For my child and your child too
He'll see the day of glory
See the day when men of good
will
Live in peace, live in peace again

Peace on earth, can it be
Can it be

Sleigh Ride

Just hear those sleigh bells jingling,
ring ting tingling too
Come on, it's lovely weather
for a sleigh ride together with you,
Outside the snow is falling
and friends are calling "Yoo hoo,"
Come on, it's lovely weather
for a sleigh ride together with you.

Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap,
let's go, Let's look at the show,
We're riding in a wonderland of snow.
Giddy yap, giddy yap, giddy yap,
it's grand, Just holding your hand,
We're gliding along with a song
of a wintry fairy land.

Our cheeks are nice and rosy
and comfy cozy are we
We're snuggled up together
like two birds of a feather would be
Let's take that road before us
and sing a chorus or two
Come on, it's lovely weather
for a sleigh ride together with you.

White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas.
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten
and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and
bright
And may all your Christmases be
white.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and
bright
And may all your Christmases be
white.

It's the most wonderful time of the year

It's the most wonderful time of
the year.
With the kids jingle belling,
and everyone telling you,
"Be of good cheer,"
It's the most wonderful time of
the year.

There'll be parties for hosting,
marshmallows for toasting and
caroling out in the snow.
there'll be scary ghost stories and
tales of the glories of Christmases
long, long ago.

It's the most wonderful time of
the year.
There'll be much mistletoeing
and hearts will be glowing,
when loved ones are near.
It's the most wonderful time of
the year.

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navidad
Feliz Navidad
Feliz Navidad
Próspero Año y Felicidad.

Feliz Navidad
Feliz Navidad
Feliz Navidad
Próspero Año y Felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas
From the bottom of my heart.

I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry
Christmas
From the bottom of my heart.

***Actual translation:
Merry Christmas
Merry Christmas
Merry Christmas
Prosperous New Year and
Happiness.***

Rocking around the Christmas Tree

Rocking around the Christmas
tree
at the Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can
see
every couple tries to stop
Rocking around the Christmas
tree,
let the Christmas spirit ring
Later we'll have some pumpkin
pie
and we'll do some caroling.

You will get a sentimental
feeling when you hear
Voices singing let's be jolly,
deck the halls with boughs of
holly
Rocking around the Christmas
tree,
have a happy holiday
Everyone dancing merrily
in the new old-fashioned way.



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Ave Maria

Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Maria, gratia plena
Maria, gratia plena
Ave, ave dominus
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu in mulieribus
Et benedictus
Et benedictus fructus ventri
Ventris tui, Jesus.

Ave Maria
Ave Maria
Mater Dei
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Ora pro nobis
Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus
Nunc et in hora mortis
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Et in hora mortis nostrae
Ave Maria



I'll Be Home For Christmas

I'll be home for Christmas
You can count on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
and presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked
down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the
hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby
awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he
makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down
from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is
nigh.

All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth

Every body stops
and stares at me
These two teeth are
gone as you can see
I don't know just who
to blame for this catastrophe!
But my one wish on Christmas Eve
is as plain as it can be!

All I want for Christmas
is my two front teeth,
my two front teeth,
see my two front teeth!

Gee, if I could only
have my two front teeth,
then I could wish you
"Merry Christmas."
It seems so long since I could say,
"Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"

Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be,
if I could only whistle (thhhh)

All I want for Christmas
is my two front teeth,
my two front teeth,
see my two front teeth.
Gee, if I could only
have my two front teeth,
then I could wish you
"Merry Christmas!"



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel! (Refrain)

Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings,
Light and life to all he brings,
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of
Peace! (Refrain)

Come, Desire of nations come,
Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the Woman's conquering Seed,
Bruise in us the Serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface:
Stamp Thine image in its place;
Second Adam, from above,
Reinstate us in thy love. (Refrain)

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Bells Will Be Ringing

Bells will be ringing, the glad, glad news;
Oh, what a Christmas, to have the blues;
My baby's gone; I have no friends;
To wish me greetings, once again;
Choirs will be singing, Silent Night
Oh, Christmas Carols, by candlelight;

Please come home for Christmas;
Please come home for Christmas;
If not for Christmas, by New Year's Night;

Friends and relations;
Send salutations;
Just as sure as the stars shine above;
This is Christmas, Christmas my dear;
The time of year to be with the one that you love;

Then will you tell me, you'll never more roam; Christmas and New Year will find you home;
There'll be no more sorrow;
No grief or pain;
'Cause I'll be happy that it's Christmas once again.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing over the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o
Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o

Shepherds, why this Jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o
Glo-ori-a - In excelsis de-o

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord,
the newborn King
Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o
Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o

See Him in a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.
Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o
Glo-ori-a In excelsis de-o

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus
Underneath the mistletoe last night.

She didn't see me creep
down the stairs to have a peep;

She thought that I was tucked up in my bedroom fast asleep.
Then, I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus

Underneath his beard so snowy white;

Oh, what a laugh it would have been

If Daddy had only seen
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night.



The Christmas Song

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping on your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh
And every mother's child is going to spy
To see if reindeer really know how to fly

And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two
Although its been said many times, many ways
Merry Christmas to you

Blue Christmas

I'll have a blue Christmas
without you;
I'll be so blue thinking about you.
Decorations of red
on a green Christmas tree
Won't mean a thing if
you're not here with me

I'll have a blue Christmas, that's certain;
And when that blue heartache starts hurting,
You'll be doing all right
with your Christmas of white,
But I'll have a blue, blue Christmas.

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Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,
Let your heart be light
From now on, our troubles
will be out of sight
Have yourself a merry little Christmas,

Make the Yule-tide gay,
From now on, our troubles
will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden
days,
happy golden days of yore.
Faithful friends who are dear
to us gather near to us once
more.

Through the years we all
will be together - If the
Fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the
highest bough.
And have yourself a merry
little Christmas now.

Deck The Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la.
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la.

See the blazing Yule before us.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Follow me in merry measure.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
While I tell of Yule-tide treasure.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Hail the new year, lads and lasses
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Sing we joyous, all together.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
heedless of the wind and weather.
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out
on the feast of Stephen,
when the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shown the moon that night,
though the frost was cruel,
when a poor man came in sight,
gathering winter fuel.

Hither, page, and stand by me.
If thou know it telling:
yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain,
right against the forest fence
by Saint Agnes fountain.

Bring me flesh, and bring me wine.
Bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I will see him dine
when we bear them thither.
Page and monarch, forth they went,
forth they went together
through the rude wind's wild lament
and the bitter weather.

Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how.
I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps my good page,
tread thou in them boldly:
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his master's step he trod,
where the snow lay dented.
Heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
ye who now will bless the poor
shall yourselves find blessing.

Do You Hear What I Hear

Said the night wind to the little lamb,
do you see what I see
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
do you see what I see
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
do you hear what I hear
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
do you know what I know
In your palace warm, mighty king,
do you know what I know
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring Him silver and gold
Let us bring Him silver and gold

Said the king to the people every-
where,
listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people everywhere!
listen to what I say
The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light



Merry Christmas

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God Rest You Merry

Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

Chorus:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.

(Chorus)

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's power and might."

(Chorus)

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and
brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
Doth bring redeeming grace.

(Chorus)

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping
their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was
so deep:

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Isreal.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the the East, beyond
them far;
And to the earth it gave great
light,
And so it continued both day and
night:

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from
country far;
To seek for a King was their
intent,
And to follow the star wherever it
went:

This star drew night to the
northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and
stay,
Right over the place where Jesus
lay:

Then did they know as-suredly
Within that house the King did lie:
One entered in then for to see,
And found the babe in poverty:

Then entered in those wise men
three,
Full reverently upon their knee;
And offered there in his presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and
frankincense:

Between an ox-stall and an ass
This child truly there born he was:
For want of clothing they did for
him lay
All in a manger, among the hay:

Then let us all with one ac-cord
Sing prais-es to our heavenly Lord.
That hath made heaven and earth of
nought,
And with his blood mankind hath
bought:

If we in our time shall do well,
We shall be free from death and hell;
For God hath prepared for us all
A resting place in general:

Here Comes Santa Claus

Here comes Santa Claus!
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Santa Claus Lane!
Vixen and Blitzen and all his
reindeer
are pulling on the reins.
Bells are ringing, children singing;
All is merry and bright.
Hang your stockings and say your
prayers,
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight.

Here comes Santa Claus!
Here comes Santa Claus!
Right down Santa Claus Lane!
He's got a bag that is filled with
toys
for the boys and girls again.
Hear those sleigh bells jingle
jangle,
What a beautiful sight.
Jump in bed, cover up your head,
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight

Merry Christmas



Holiday Greetings

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He was made of snow but the children know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it on his head he began to dance around.

O, Frosty the snowman was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh and play just the same as you and me.

Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman knew the sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have some fun now before I melt away."

Down to the village,
with a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all around the square saying,
Catch me if you can.

He led them down the streets of town right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused a moment when he heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty the snow man had to hurry on his way,
But he waved goodbye saying, "Don't you cry,
I'll be back again some day."

Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
thumpety thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
With news of joy foretold,
"Peace on the earth, good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
Love's banner all unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
Over all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
Old echoes plaintive ring,
And ever over its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

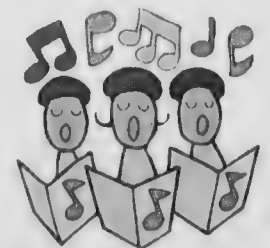
Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the Angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man at war with man hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O! hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the Angels sing.

O ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow;
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Ev'rywhere you go;
Take a look in the five-and-ten,
glistening once again
With candy canes and silver lanes aglow.
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas,
Toys in ev'ry store,
But the prettiest sight to see is the holly that will be
On your own front door.
A pair of hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots
Is the wish of Barney and Ben;
Dolls that will talk and will go for a walk
Is the hope of Janice and Jen;
And Mom and Dad can hardly wait for school to start again.
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
Ev'rywhere you go;
There's a tree in the Grand Hotel, one in the park as well,
The sturdy kind that doesn't mind the snow.
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas;
Soon the bells will start,
And the thing that will make them ring is the carol that you sing
Right within your heart.



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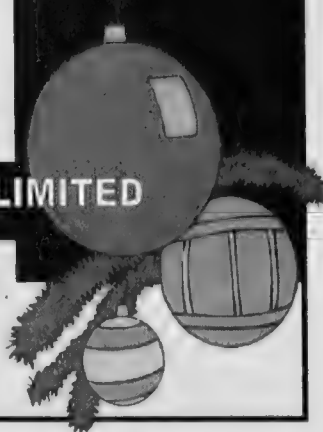
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Grandma got run over by a reindeer.
Walking home from our house Christmas eve.
You can say there's no such thing as Santa,
but as for me and grandpa we believe.
She'd been drinking too much eggnog,
and we begged her not to go.
But she forgot her medication, and she
staggered out the door into the snow.
When we found her Christmas morning,
at the scene of the attack,
she had hoof-prints on her forehead,
and incriminating Claus marks on her back.

Now we're all so proud of grandpa,
He's been taking this so well.
See him in there watching football,
drinking root beer and
playing cards with Cousin Mel.
It's not Christmas without Grandma,
All the family's dressed in black
and we just can't help but wonder:
Should we open up her gifts,
or send them back?
Send them back!!

Now the goose is on the table
and the pudding made of fig
and the blue and silver candles
that would just have matched
the hair on grandma's wig.
I've warned all my
friends and neighbors
better watch out for yourselves,
they should never give a license
to a man who drives a sleigh
and plays with elves.

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be
forgot
and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be
forgot
and days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne

Holly Jolly Christmas

Have a holly, jolly Christmas;
It's the best time of the year
I don't know if there'll be
snow,
but have a cup of cheer.
Have a holly, jolly Christmas;
And when you walk down
the street
Say Hello to friends you
know
and everyone you meet.

Oh, ho, the mistletoe
hung where you can see;
Somebody waits for you;
Kiss her once for me.
Have a holly jolly Christmas,
and in case you didn't hear,
Oh by golly, have a holly,

Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell
Square
In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock
Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell rock.

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Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature
sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessing flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and
grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels
sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
How are thy leaves so verdant!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

Not only in the summertime,
But even in winter is thy prime.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

For every year the Christmas tree,
Brings to us all both joy and glee.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!

Each bough doth hold its tiny light,
That makes each toy to sparkle
bright.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!

O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees,
O hear the angel voices!
O night divine,
O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night,
O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend!

He knows our need,
To our weakness no stranger;
Behold your King!
Before the lowly bend!
Behold your King! your King!
before Him bend.

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break
for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy
in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name!
Christ is the Lord,
Oh praise His name forever,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

Silver Bells

City sidewalk, busy
sidewalks
dressed in holiday style.
In the air there's
a feeling of Christmas.

Children laughing,
people passing,
meeting smile after
smile,
And on every street
corner you'll hear:

Silver bells, silver bells,
It's Christmas time in
the city.
Ring-a-ling, hear them
ring,
soon it will be Christmas
day.

City street lights,
even stop lights,
blink a bright red and
green,
As the shoppers rush
home
with their treasures.

Hear the snow crunch,
see the kids bunch,
This is Santa's big scene,
And above all this bustle
you'll hear:

Silver bells, silver bells,
It's Christmas time in
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Ring-a-ling, hear them
ring,
soon it will be Christmas
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Let It Snow!

Oh, the weather outside is frightful,
But the fire is so delightful,
And since we've no place to go,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

It doesn't show signs of stopping,
And I brought some corn for popping;
The lights are turned way down low,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

When we finally say good night,
How I'll hate going out in the storm;
But if you really hold me tight,
All the way home I'll be warm.

The fire is slowly dying,
And, my dear, we're still good-bye-ing,
But as long as you love me so,
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Saviour, is born!
Christ the Saviour, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me
pa rum pum pum pum
A new born King to see,
pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring
pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King
pa rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum
So to honor Him
pa rum pum pum pum,
when we come.

Little Baby

pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too,
pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring
pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our King
pa rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for you!
pa rum pum pum
on my drum.

Mary nodded

pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time
pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him
pa rum pum pum
I played my best for Him
pa rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum
Then He smiled at me
pa rum pum pum pum
me and my drum.

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
On a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bob-tail ring,
making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh

A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank;
Misfortune seemed his lot;
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got upset.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago,
the story I must tell
I went out on the snow
And on my back I fell;
A gent was riding by
In a one-horse open sleigh,
He laughed as there
I sprawling lie,
But quickly drove away.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young,
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bob-tailed bay
two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack! you'll take the lead.
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
Jingle all the way!
What fun it is to ride
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Bonnie View Inn

From Staff To Owners – Andrea & Monte Now The Proud Owners of The Place They Worked At For So Many Years - The Bonnie View Inn

The Bonnie View Inn on Lake Kashagawigamog, under various owners, has been a popular destination for families and couples for the past 60 years. But on December 1st it entered a whole new era when Andrea Hagarty and Monte Miscio became the resort's new owners and operators.

But don't think that Andrea and Monte are strangers to the business. In fact, just the opposite. The couple have been employed at the Bonnie View for many years and have dreamed of owning their own property for even longer.

Both Andrea and Monte have been in the resort business since they were kids. Monte, a born and bred Haliburtonian, got his first job in the early 1980s at age 12 in the kitchen of the Wigamog washing dishes. The next summer he was promoted to cook's helper, and like most chefs, learned his trade step by step. Meanwhile, across the lake, Andrea and her family had been life-long summer guests at the Casey family's Birchpoint Resort. When Andrea was just 13 Birchpoint owners Dennis

and Roxanne Casey gave her a summer job house-keeping and occasionally babysitting their children. "I loved the business the moment I started," says Andrea, "and the Casey's were just wonderful to me. I learned so much from them." Andrea continued to work at Birchpoint for the next seven summers, learning as many aspects of the business as she possibly could.

In the meantime Monte continued in the kitchen at the Wigamog, and later the Pinestone, along the way picking up his chef's papers from Sir Sandford Fleming College. Finally in June of 1992 he joined the Bonnie View full time as assistant chef. And the next spring Andrea moved to the Bonnie View full time as well. Soon Andrea and Monte became a full-time couple and began to dream of owning a property of their own.

For the next few years Andrea concentrated on learning every aspect of the resort business, from housekeeping to dining room and front desk manager. Finally, in 1997, the Bonnie View's owner, Peter Mavroukas, asked the couple to run the resort for him, with Monte as head chef, and Andrea as resort manager.

So at least the couple had a resort of their own to manage. And except for a brief sojourn to Antigua for six months in 1999, Monte and Andrea have successfully run the resort ever since. In fact, there was no happier resort owner than Peter Mavroukas when the couple agreed to come back to the Bonnie View from the Caribbean after their working holiday. And since then they've marketed and operated the Inn with increasing success each year. So when Mr. Mavroukas decided early this year to sell, he looked no further than Andrea and Monte. The deal took a long eight months to negotiate and complete, "we always knew it wouldn't be easy," says Monte, "there's a lot of money involved, naturally, but still it seemed to us to take forever." But finally midnight of November 30th came, and the Inn they'd come to love was theirs.

Andrea and Monte are really excited about the future at the Bonnie View. "We want to continue to improve and develop the facility as quickly as we

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can," says Andrea, "with some major renovations, particularly to the cabins, coming shortly." The Bonnie View boasts private Jacuzzi suites, Lakeside suites, private chalets, and cozy, comfortable rooms in the Inn itself. In all they can accommodate up to 70 guests. The main lodge has a magnificently renovated bar, lounge and dining room that dates back to the Inn's beginnings in 1945.

The Inn's dining room is open to outside guests all year round. "We want to emphasize how much we appreciate the business we get from permanent residents and cottagers," says Andrea. "With the development of Williams Landing and Chandler's Point right on the Lake, we see our dining room as an increasingly attractive destination. We are also going to offer special rates for people who want a one-night holiday, dinner, comfortable accommodations, and breakfast. Now that's a real break from the daily routine!"

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The menu at the Bonnie View combines simplicity with fresh ingredients and original sauces, such as the Tilapia Filet with a chilled Champagne Aioli sauce, or a Bacon-Wrapped Grilled Pork Tenderloin with a honey dijonaisse. Or try the creamy Tomato Asiago Soup or the Jumbo Shrimp with Lime Cocktail Sauce and Mesclun Greens. Chef Monte also provides a number of Vegan and Low Fat entrées.

Obviously, Monte and Andrea have only owned the Bonnie View for a few short weeks, but already they've received a major award. The Toronto Sun's 12th Annual Readers Choice awards were announced the day they took possession and the Inn was named the Bronze Winner in the Ontario Resort/Hotel/B&B category! Talk about Karma!

"We feel really lucky to be the owners of this wonderful property. It's been such a huge part of our life, and now we can give it the exact direction we want," says Andrea.

The Bonnie View Inn is open year round and is available for groups, weddings, and all manner of special events. To reserve accommodations, or for dining, please call 457-2350, or 800 461-0347, or visit their website at www.bonnieviewinn.com.



Andrea & Monte

Bonnie View Sample Menu:

Sole Amondine

Lemon roasted filet, with sliced almonds and garlic wine.

Seedling Crusted Salmon

Pan seared seedling blend, pressed on a fresh Atlantic salmon filet and baked with balsamic butter.

Pork Tournedos

Medallions of pan-fried pork tenderloin, caramelized pineapple and Dijon honey sauce.

New York

Grilled 8-ounce strip steak with red wine shallot reduction.

Gruyere Chicken

Char broiled chicken breast with fresh grated gruyere cheese and mushroom filling drizzled with chive sauce.

Rack of Lamb Roast

Rubbed with rosemary, pecan and glazed with mint demi-glaze.

Bison Striploin

Grilled medium rare to rare with chasseur sauce.

Surf and Turf

Garlic roasted 8-ounce lobster tail and grilled medallions of beef sirloin.

Baked Chicken

Complimenting herbs in a parmesan breading crusted on a 6 ounce chicken breast.

Veal Romano

Breaded veal scallopine with romano cheese breading, Italian tomato sauce, capellini pasta and mushroom Alfredo.

Shrimp Linguini

Pan-fried tiger shrimp, asparagus spears and fire roasted red peppers in basil pesto butter with linguini pasta.

Beef Sauté

Strips of beef, assorted vegetables & water chestnuts in a honey garlic sauce on a bed of rice.

Spinach & Cheese Agnolotti

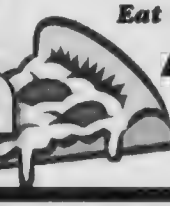
Agnolotti pasta in wine cream with a medley of fresh vegetables.

Vegetarian Filo

Rolled pastry with barley, basmati rice, lentils, asparagus & sundried tomatoes on a bed of leaf lettuce & plum tomato sauce.

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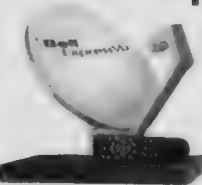
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Extreme Makeover:

Wayde Has Lots To Smile About!

No one really looks forward in going to the dentist. Despite the most amazing advances in modern dental techniques, many people still retain a deeply ingrained fear of the deadly drill and the dentist's chair. Nevertheless, most of us are resigned to the fact that our teeth really do need regular checkups – and have to admit that a modern visit to the dentist is not such a terrible ordeal.

But not Wayde Greer, sales executive at, of all places, Patient News Publishing (PNP), the world's leading publisher of dental newsletters. Years ago Wayde developed an intense fear of all things dental after he was treated for a broken tooth suffered at a teenage party. (He'll only admit that his tooth was broken by a frozen basketball!) His fear was so great that when he had an abscessed molar in his 20s, he still refused dental care – and tried to extract the tooth on his own, snapping it in half in the process. During the past 11 years of no professional dental care, Wayde had looked after his teeth at home, but still, with his broken incisor and mashed up molars, he certainly was in the running for those 'before' photos you sometimes see in dentists' offices, and more recently on the popular Makeover TV shows.



Wayde joined Patient News last year and quickly became expert in the new and exciting developments in dentistry. PNP CEO Wayne

Lavery and President Karen Galley had thought for some time that it would be a good idea to offer an employee a major cosmetic dental makeover to help them in their work. After all, sales executives often need to meet and develop close relationships with new clients – and when the client is a leading dentist, and probably a cosmetic dentistry expert, you don't want any broken incisors to get in the way.

Wayne and Karen decided that Wayde would make a good candidate for a makeover and offered him the chance. With his dental phobias, albeit eased by his steadily increasing knowledge of dental science and technique, this was no easy call for Wayde. But he said yes, and in October travelled to one of PNP's valued customers, Dr. Brian Rhodes of King Ritson Dental, in Markham for a thorough assessment and preliminary treatment.

For his first appointment, Wayde was prescribed oral sedation (pills to be taken the night before and the morning of treatment) and was administered some nitrous oxide (laughing gas), and Dr. Rhodes began his work. Wayde's teeth were in pretty good shape, given his lack of professional dental care, but he still needed three composite fillings, a root canal, thorough cleaning, and a crown. All in all this first phase in Wayde's "Makeover" took a total of three visits of about four hours each. Not bad for a guy who a few months before couldn't imagine even a quick checkup.

But this was just the beginning. In late November, PNP flew Wayde to New York, N. Y. and the clinic of Dr. Anthony Vocaturo, a world-famous cosmetic dentist with a long celebrity client list (and another happy Patient News customer). Dr. Vocaturo and his team spent a total of six consecutive hours working on 21 of Wayde's teeth, subtly filing each of them to improve shape and position, and taking exact impressions for the manufacturing of the final finished veneers. Each tooth procedure required individual freezing – as in needles – but Wayde was primed and ready. "The atmosphere was totally relaxing and reassuring – I knew I couldn't be treated by anyone better. The only problem really was my stomach. They'd told me to have a big breakfast because I wouldn't be able to eat anything during the day. Of course I got it wrong, and thought

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they'd told me not to eat any breakfast at all. So I was absolutely starving. But it was an amazing experience, and the results are absolutely awesome."

Wayde's sparkling new look was unveiled to cheering PNP staffers just last week. His final veneers will be put in place just before Christmas. Talk about a visit from Santa! "I'm just overwhelmed by the generosity PNP has shown to me," says Wayde. "It's a really incredible thing to do for an employee."

Wayde was brought up in Norland, and after a big-city stint in advertising and property management, he was delighted to be able to return home to pursue his career. "I must have applied at least five times at PNP before the opportunity came about." Wayde and his wife Jennifer (the Wigamog's Kids' Camp Director) and their daughter Trista (3) look forward to many more years in Haliburton ... helped along, of course, by a sparkling smile and a whole new attitude to the dentist's chair.



The Name's Familiar... *John Doe*



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William C. Crocker was an early director of the Gold Medal Flour Company and, after a fashion, the father of Betty Crocker.

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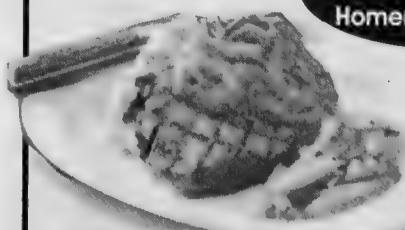
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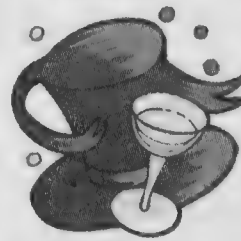
Urban Legends

The Concerned Mother

A man and wife were driving late one night when they were flagged down by a woman that appeared to be hurt. She claimed she'd been in an accident and her baby was alive but trapped in the car. The man told her to wait with his wife and he'd see what he could do. He got to the car and found a couple obviously dead in the front seat but a baby crying in a carseat. He cut the baby loose and returned to his own car. When he got there his wife was alone, he asked her where the woman had went and she replied that she'd followed him to the wreck. He left the baby with his wife and went back to the car to find her. When he got there he realized the woman who'd been instantly killed in the front seat had been the one who'd flagged him down.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

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Haliburton Legion News

By Chris Briggs

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Pool Anyone...

We have pool starting at 7:15PM on Wednesday nights. So if you have a cue come on down and join in the fun.

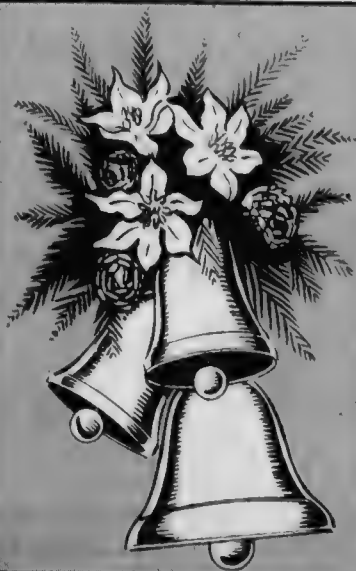
Darts, Euchre, Meat Draws & Tournaments and more ...

Tuesday night is darts, it starts at 7:30PM. Wednesday nights is bingo starting at 7:00PM. I have some people that would like to play euchre. So if there is anyone interested I will start a list of names and we can have it on Thursday nights at 7:30PM.

We have our meat draw every Friday starting at 4:30PM until 6:30PM, with a draw every half hour and there are 6 prizes per draw.

We have zone and district tournaments as well coming up. So if you are member and would like to play you can call me at 457-1724. District curling is Jan.7/06. Zone cribbage is Jan.21/06. District snooker is Jan.28/06. Zone darts is Feb.4/06. The entry forms have to be into the zone sports officer two weeks prior to the event.

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.



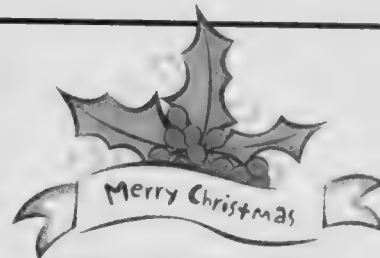
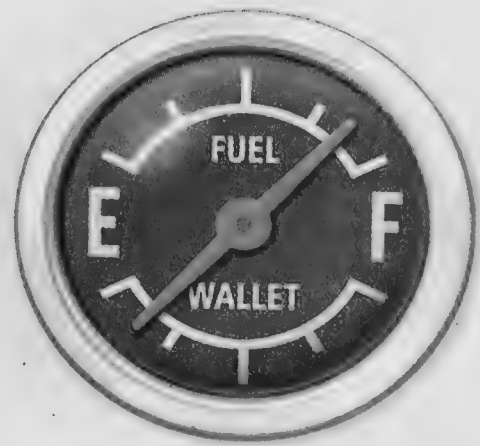
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Fleming Donor Wall A Work of Art That Must Be Seen

It's been almost 40 years since Haliburton welcomed its first arts students in the summer of 1968 to what's now known as the Haliburton School for the Arts. Originally the school was run by Haliburton's Guild of Fine Arts, which also created the Rails End Gallery. But soon it became clear that the School needed to be run by a larger institution, and it became a satellite of Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough. The first local director, or principal, was Don Popple, who later joined Curry Motors as General Manager. In the 1970s Popple was succeeded by a former student, Barb Bolin, who's been the principal ever since.

"The amount of local support for education, particularly for the arts was what really got it going in the 60s and 70s," says Ms. Bolin. "Artists like Carole Finn, educators like Doug Hodgson, and businessmen and politicians like Ron Curry and Glen Hodgson were absolutely essential to our establishing a relationship with Sir Sandford in Peterborough. And that was the key to developing a professional arts school and attracting artists and teachers and students from all



Mary Anne Barkhouse
and Michael Belmore

over the country."

Barb Bolin also credits the local cottage community for its early enthusiasm and encouragement. "Right from the beginning Haliburton's cottagers were among our most vocal, and generous, supporters. It seems as if Haliburton just naturally attracted people who were interested in the arts, who believed in continuing education."

The mere existence of the School also served as an important magnet for many artists and teachers who were looking to become permanent residents, such as Weaver Wendy Bateman and her husband Sid Brinkman, and Ted Carson and his wife Mimi, who were leading wool suppliers. Many highly successful local artists such as painter Gary Chapman and sculptor Kim Warne received their first serious training at the School. And the wider community continued to support it as well.



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Become Another Fish On The School Donor Wall - There's Always Room

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For years the Board of Education allowed the School to use its local High School in the summer months at a reasonable cost, which was an unusual arrangement in the 1980s.

For many years it had become clear that the Haliburton campus of Fleming College, including the School for the Arts, needed its own building if it were to continue to grow and prosper. The problem: money, money, money. So in the fall of 2000 Barb Bolin and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey became co-chairs of a fund-raising campaign with the goal of raising \$2,500,000 in private funds towards the creation of a campus. That's a lot of money in a small town. The Municipality of Dysart et al had very generously donated the land for the new campus in Glebe Park, and the co-chairs were reasonably confident that the Superbuild Fund would be a serious player, if local funds could be raised.

Barb took an extended leave of absence as Principal to dedicate herself, with Fearrey, to the fundraising project. And finally this year the stunning and imaginative new campus was completed, and this summer will be host to over 3000 students and faculty. The new facility has also doubled the campus' winter enrolment as well as creating many new, permanent jobs in the community.

This month Principal Bolin and Reeve Fearrey, together with Fleming College dignitaries and major donors celebrated the successful campaign with the unveiling of a stunning "Donor's Wall" in the campus' main hall. The unique design, featuring schools of copper, aluminium, and brass fish, each bearing a donor's name, seem to shimmer and swim in front of a white, opaque background. The Wall was created by artists Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore, who chose eight different species and sizes of Haliburton's indigenous fish population as their inspiration. Each fish type represents a specific donor level. (When you see the wall, try and identify which fish is which - it's not as easy as it might sound!)

Mary Anne and Michael are internationally recognized artists who create their works in metal and mixed media. They're among just three artists who've been short listed in a competition for an installation at the new National Museum of the American Indian in



Washington D.C. Mary Anne is part Kwakiutl 1st Nations from Vancouver Island, and Michael is Ojibway from Thunder Bay. And they live in Haliburton full time in some part due to the School. "I first came here to study with the great silversmith Lois Betteridge, who gave a famous course at the School," says Mary Anne, "and with the explosion in the arts here, and of course the beauty of the landscape, we decided to make our home here. We were delighted to be asked to create this Donor Wall for the College. We see this as a kind of slice of a Haliburton lake - and don't forget, there is still some space available for more donations!"

The new campus facility is a tribute to years of hard work and dedication by all segments of the Haliburton community. Cottagers, permanent residents, businesses and government all played major roles in the creation of this beautiful building in the forest above the Village. The success of the project has also generated some intense interest from other communities anxious to know just how a community the size of Haliburton's managed to pull it off. "I get all kinds of calls asking me to speak to groups all across the province who want to emulate our success," says Bolin, "which is very nice kind of compliment."

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Greetings Haliburton and welcome to a special holiday edition of The Internet Geek.

There will be no talk of nasty viruses, spyware or phishing this month. 'Tis the festive season so I'm going to take you on a tour of some cool and useful sites for this time of year.

First off, nothing puts folks into the proper Christmas spirit like a little Christmas music. Whether your tastes are for baroque or punk, chances are there's an Internet radio station out there playing seasonal tunes for you and if your Christmas music collection is lacking, these stations will allow you to just stream the tunes into your home via your Internet connection. A couple of great directories for finding something to suit your tastes are MerryChristmasRadio (<http://merrychristmasradio.com/stationguide.php>) and the Shoutcast network (<http://www.shoutcast.com/>). At Shoutcast, just type 'Christmas' into the search box and as of this writing, there are over 100 stations playing just holiday tunes showing up in the results.

Next up, I'll show you some Christmas lights, and not just any Christmas lights at that. There are several folks who run live webcams on the Internet showing their elaborate holiday displays, but one of the most famous is a fellow by the name of Alek Komarnitsky, who not only has webcams, but allows you, the visitor, to actually control the lights, turning them on and off at your will. Alek claims to have 26,000 lights in this year's display which is 1,000 more than Clark Griswold had! You can check it out at www.komar.org/xmas/ and do keep Alek's poor neighbors in mind as your turning his lights off and on over and over again. Then, if you're in the mood to see just how crazy some folks can get with their displays, check out www.uglychristmaslights.com.

In my previous career as a chef, I had the pleasure over many years of

working with people from all over the world. I was always fascinated by the diverse range of traditions and ways of celebrating the season that exist. Wikipedia has got a great Christmas page delving into some of that diversity (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas>) and if check out the links at the bottom of the page, you'll see how the holidays are celebrated in other parts of the world.

While this season is a fun time of the year, I personally find the commercialism that has overtaken our society's observance of it a little discouraging. More and more folks are beginning to share my feelings

though and there are some great resources available online to help you re-claim the true nature of the season. First off, the New American Dream organization, whose focus is getting more of what matters, has a whole section of their web site devoted to simplifying your holidays and recalling what it truly means to you which you can find at www.newdream.org/holiday/. Then there's an initiative that's been started by the Mennonite community here in Canada which they call the Buy Nothing Christmas. They hoping to put the spirit back into the season and you can find out more about them at

www.buynothingchristmas.org.

When the big night finally arrives, the young ones may need to be reassured that Santa is in fact on his way before they head off to bed. Luckily NORAD, the North American Aerospace Defense Command, have some of the most sophisticated radar systems in the world and every Christmas Eve, they make it their mission to ensure that the Big Guy makes it around the globe safely. They run a special web site so everyone everywhere can keep an eye on Santa's progress. You can check it out for yourself at www.noradsanta.org.

Finally, as it's the end of the year, just about everyone is coming out with their 'End of Year' lists detailing what they think the top 10 of this and top 100 of that from the last twelve months are. I recently came across a web site that is trying to pull together a list of the best lists and they're hoping to have about 500 of them when all is said and done. You can find this list of lists at www.fimoculous.com/year-review-2005.cfm.

Happy holidays, everyone!

As always, I welcome and enjoy receiving your Internet questions or favorite web site suggestions. You can email me at haliburtongeek@gmail.com.

That's it for this month, so surf safe and if you weren't expecting that email attachment - Don't click on it!

Don't think of it as getting hot flashes. Think of it as your inner child playing with matches.

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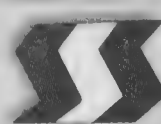
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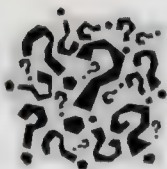


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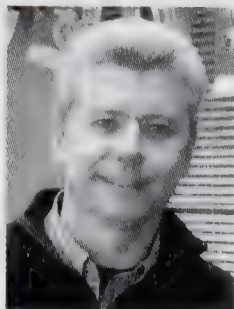
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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

**THE STRANGE YOUTH,
WHO APPEARED AS IF
FROM NOWHERE IN
THE MIDDLE OF A CITY,
CAUSED A SENSATION.
WHO WAS HE?**

MOST PEOPLE love a good mystery. Was Anastasia executed with the rest of her family? What-ever became of the crew of the Mary Celeste? Not as well known as these mysteries,

but nevertheless just as puzzling, is the tale of Kaspar Hauser.

In May 1828, a police officer in Nuremberg, Germany, picked up a youth off the streets of the city. The boy was different in many ways. He stammered, but didn't appear to have the ability to talk. When questioned by the officer, the youth cowered, as if associating speech with some sort of abuse. The boy's hair and body were filthy and his clothing was home-made shapeless rags. His feet were encased in crude, cracked shoes made

A Mysterious Life

of wood and leather.

The skinny lad was taken to a police station. He was stripped of his clothing and made to bathe. Sewn into the lining of his jacket, police found a note dated 16 years previously. It read, "I am a poor girl and cannot look after my child. His name is Kaspar Hauser. He has already been baptized. His father is dead. He was a soldier. When he is 16 years old, I beg of you to send him to Nuremberg to the Sixth Cavalry Regiment. His father used to belong to it."

CAUSED A SENSATION

The unsigned letter was examined and proved to be fraudulent. The ink on the letter was of a type currently in use and the writing had not faded, as it surely would have after 16 years.

A doctor examined the boy, who was now known as Kaspar Hauser, and confirmed that he was about 16 years old. He also stated that Kaspar had never been taught to speak. There was some doubt if he had walked a great deal, if at all. He stumbled forward in the manner of an unsure infant taking his first steps. The soles of his feet were soft, like a baby's. He whimpered and had little control of his fingers.

The strange youth, who appeared as if from nowhere in the middle of a city, caused a sensation. Who was he? Where did he come from? How did he get to Nuremberg? The answers to these questions proved most frustrating, because the subject of all this conjecture, Kaspar himself, could shed no light on his origin.

Kaspar was placed under special care. Gradually, he developed a vocabulary. It was obvious that he was a bright boy with a good memory. As he was taught to speak, he readily told authorities as much as he knew about his previous life. He had lived in a dark place underground. A man had brought him food twice a day, but never spoke to him. When he was younger, the man sometimes whittled wooden toys for him. He had not been physically beaten, but had lived in filth, being able to wash only at intervals of time which he had no way of measuring.

Kaspar told authorities that one day he was released from his underground confinement and left to walk through the woods. He had great difficulty walking, and after a short time fell to the ground exhausted. His keeper found him and helped him to a road, where an enclosed carriage waited. Kaspar was forced to enter the carriage, and was driven for some time before the door was swung open and he was unceremoniously thrown onto the streets of Nuremberg — into a world about which he knew absolutely nothing.

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The public, as well as the police, was fascinated by the strange tale of Kaspar Hauser. The chief of police initiated a massive investigation into Kaspar's past. In the course of these inquiries, a fisherman produced a bottle which he had found two years earlier. Inside the bottle was a note. The writer of the note, Hares Sprauka, claimed he was a prisoner in an underground cavern near Lauffenburg on the Rhine. The letter was of no particular significance until the fisherman discovered that by rearranging the letters of Hares Sprauka he could spell Kaspar Hauser.

The letter couldn't have been written by Kaspar because he couldn't write. Shortly after the note was turned in by the fisherman, an attempt was made to murder Kaspar. Someone broke into his room while he slept and stabbed him in the left breast. However, Kaspar survived the attack.

CROWN PRINCE

Four years passed, during which time Kaspar received an education. He obtained employment as a clerk in a law office. Learned professors attempted to discover his true identity through research. Several theories resulted from their efforts, the most prominent of which concerned the Crown Prince of Baden, who had died in infancy in 1812, the supposed year of Kaspar's birth.

The Crown Prince's mother, the Grand Duchess Stephanie, later suspected there had been foul play. The baby died during a storm one night and was hastily buried without the body being viewed by his mother. Grand Duchess Stephanie was told that her child had died of a contagious

disease.

Some time after the death, a servant told of seeing a lady sneak into the Palace of Karlsruhe with a bundle, which appeared to be an infant. She was later seen sneaking past two snoring nurses and out of the palace with another bundle. It was the servant's opinion that a dead baby had been substituted for the Crown Prince. The succession to the throne was then shifted to the child of one Countess von Hochberg.

When the grieving mother attempted to investigate the rumour and interrogate the servant, she found she was too late. The servant had died. There matters rested for 20 years. Now, researchers wondered if Kaspar Hauser could be the kidnapped infant and if he had been kidnapped by accomplices of Countess von Hochberg.

INFORM THE GRAND DUCHESS

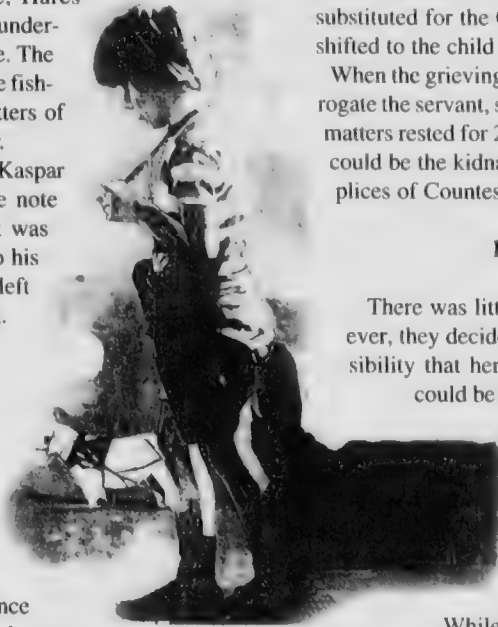
There was little hope of finding out the truth after 20 years. However, they decided to inform the Grand Duchess Stephanie of the possibility that her earlier suspicions had been well founded. Her son could be alive. He might be Kaspar Hauser.

A letter was sent to the Grand Duchess, outlining Kaspar's story and the professors' research in detail. The Grand Duchess Stephanie was immediately convinced that her son, once thought to be dead, was alive and well. She made arrangements to travel the 45 kilometres from Nuremberg to Anspach, where Kaspar was working as a law clerk.

While the Grand Duchess was en route to what she believed would be a glorious reunion with her long lost son, tragedy struck. Kaspar received an anonymous note informing him that the sender could clear up once and for all the mystery of his birth. The writer suggested a meeting in a nearby park.

Kaspar walked to the public park, where he was stabbed to death. In his pocket, investigators found the note which had enticed him to his death. Moments after his murder, the Grand Duchess Stephanie arrived in the Bavarian town, only to be informed that the young man whom she believed to be her son was dead. Kaspar's murder was never solved.

Plays have been enacted and books have been written based on the story of Kaspar Hauser, but the mystery remains. You see, no one really knows the answer to the question — Who was Kaspar Hauser?



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Compassion

Earlier this fall I was at the 25th anniversary reunion of my university graduating class, and it was wonderful to see how we kids had matured into adults with rich lives. Our bodies and faces were mostly the same, but there was an inner quality that connected us at a far deeper level. I guess with twenty-five years of living, the tough shell around our hearts had crumbled a bit exposing a little more of our true selves.

One of the classmates I became reacquainted with is also a writer. She has a son in the army who has completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan. Not surprisingly, one of her plays is about how mothers of soldiers deal with their emotions and experiences. One of the lines is: "Answer the gut-churning question: Momma, what have I become?"

We emailed back and forth about the Warrior archetype and how integral they are to each culture. And then she floored me

with these words: "the way of compassion is not for the faint of heart; emptying oneself to accommodate the pain of another is an act of courage unequalled by any physical act of war. It is the gift of saints, good actors, and good writers and is manifest in the countless, anonymous acts of decent people everyday."

I'm embarrassed to try and write any more. What more could I say? *"The way of compassion is not for the faint of heart; emptying oneself to accommodate the pain of another is an act of courage unequalled by any physical act of war."*

I found myself confronted and comforted by those words recently when I had to put my beloved dog down. My

eldest stepson said he wouldn't have had the courage to be in the room with her when it happened, and I would have felt the same way when I was his age. But now, I couldn't imagine not being there. I guess my heart is ripening.

I cried, and I still cry, when I think about Morgan, but then I smile and fondly remember how she brought me back to life, how she reconnected me with nature, and how she preciously, graciously...patiently unwrapped the gift that was within me.

When she came into my life, I was a writer who was afraid to write. But she made it safe for me. She protected and guided me as I trundled and stumbled along. Morgan demanded a walk twice a day, and it was on those walks that I began to hear my inner voice. It was also on those walks that I was inspired to write *Neesa's Backyard* and most of these columns. As she lay dying, I emptied the grief from my heart and prayed over her:

*May you be happy.
May you feel loved.
May all your suffering be healed.
May you be at peace*

And so at this holiday time, I will remember her gift and use it to inspire me to do the same for others. Yes, I will enjoy unwrapping the presents from under the tree, but more importantly, I will look at the people around me and see if they too need to be unwrapped. That is the greatest gift I can give, for if we don't find the courage and compassion to unwrap our children, what will they become?

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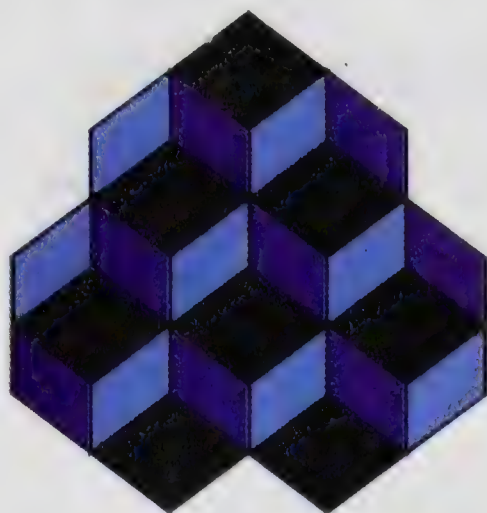
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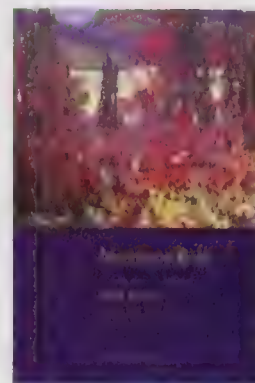


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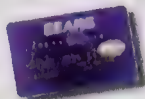
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Skiing and grooming has already begun on the lit loop at Glebe Park, so it is definitely time to renew ski passes or become a ski club member. The lit loop at Glebe is open until 9:00 every night.

The Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club, known locally as THE ski club is in the midst of its membership renewals. Contact Joleen with your membership inquiries, by e-mail at joleen@boatwerks.net or by calling 286-3649.

A large, 2-day race is scheduled for January 21 and 22. This race will be open to all, so make your plans to participate or attend. It will also be attended by more than 100 university skiers as it is the first stop on the OUA qualifying

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9:00 p.m. **Communion Service** at Maple Lake United Church

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

There will be No Worship Services on this Patrol Charge.

New Years Day and Epiphany

Joint Service at Maple Lake United Church – 10 a.m.

West Guilford Baptist Church

Christmas Celebration Christmas Eve Service
December 24 at 7 p.m.

Anglican Parish of Haliburton St. George’s - St Margaret’s

December 24th

3:00 - St Margaret’s Wilberforce

5:00 p.m. Birthday Party for Jesus - St George’s Haliburton. Family Service. Come and Celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Cake & refreshments to follow.

7 p.m. Christmas Music - St. George’s.

7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist - All Welcome

Sunday December 25th

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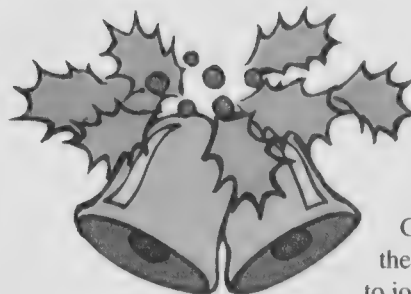


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\$19,500.00

Hwy 35



Business opportunity on Hwy 35 Carnarvon. Live next door to your own business. 2 BR home, new carpet, plumbing, windows & roof. Nice lawn area. Commercial bldg - 3000 sq. ft., new oil furnace, loading dock into storage area. Hardwood floors, separate office space, large bsmt. for storage. Lg. paved yard. Zoning is C1, HC & residential. Ideal for antique store, vegetable market, organic produce, crafts & hobbies, restaurant, possibilities are endless for this income producing property. Business relocating

\$379,000.00

seasons greetings

"We would like to take the time to thank all of our customers, friends old and new & business associates for a wonderful year. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and may the coming year bring hope and peace to man kind."

Gloria & Cindy

Private Lake



Private Lake 129 acres Haliburton Highlands. Nature at it's best. 129 acre retreat estate type property with a private lake, mature forest of pine and hardwoods. A 5 bdrm + loft cottage sits on the shore line of Torch Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm, massive stone fireplace in LR and backing the DR. Wood floors and all wood interior with cathedral ceilings. Large deck for entertaining or just enjoy the view. This property has many possibilities. Family retreat, Bed and Breakfast, Children's Camp, Retreat Center, possibly severance of 7+ lots also appears to be 50 to 60 acres of gravel, sand and great timber. Report details available to interested

\$975,000.00

8 Acres



See this great building lot. Several building sites offering spectacular views of Kennis Lake. Absolute privacy on this 8 acre property. 800 ft shore line varies with flat rock, sand pockets, larger rock sections and a point. Sheltered section for boat protection. Sunsets come across the point and set on the opposite shore. This rare large property is being offered at

\$575,000.00

Paddy's Bay - Nicely treed building lot on the shores of Paddy's Bay. Save dollars, easy access and easy to build on. Paddy's Bay has a sand bottom for good swimming. Connects to Kennis Lake for a 2 lake chain of boating.

\$179,000.00

Paddy's Bay



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